



Report of The York County Courthouse Site Selection Commission

Dated: November 30, 2016

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1. Executive Summary

Pursuant to Public Law 2015, Ch. 468, (Appendix A), the York County Courthouse Site Selection Commission (hereafter “the Commission”) was created and on August 1, 2016, the following individuals were appointed to the Commission:

Justice Thomas E. Humphrey, Maine Supreme Judicial Court, Chair

Justice Wayne Douglas, Maine Superior Court

Judge Jeffrey Moskowitz, Maine District Court

Kathy Jones, Clerk of Court

Senator Linda M. Valentino

Senator Ronald F. Collins

Representative Anne-Marie Mastraccio

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Amy Fairfield, Esq.

John Webb, Esq.

Kenneth Marass, Esq.

James T. Glessner, State Court Administrator — Nonvoting Member

The Commission’s task was to select, on or before January 1, 2017, a location for the construction of a new courthouse facility in York County in a municipality designated by the Commission. At the outset, the Commission had to identify an inventory of locations from which it could select an appropriate site. The Commission established a four-person subcommittee to identify and investigate possible properties and report its findings and recommendations to the full Commission.

In response to a notice of intent to purchase property, published several times in various media outlets, and the work of the subcommittee, the Commission considered 27 possible sites situated in the municipalities of Alfred, Arundel, Biddeford, Saco, Sanford, Wells, and Waterboro.

The Commission met seven times between August 1, 2016, and November 4, 2016 (see minutes at Appendix H). It adopted detailed site criteria to aid Commissioners in their evaluation of each property; and it reduced the initial inventory of sites under consideration from 27 to 7. The Commissioners traveled as a group to inspect the recommended locations on two occasions.

On November 4, 2016, by a majority vote (12 to 6), the Commission designated Biddeford as the municipality in which to locate the new courthouse. The Commission then unanimously voted to select a 12.8-acre site located at 511-515 Elm Street (U.S. Rt. 1) as the location for the new courthouse facility. This site is easily accessible from the north, south, and west by the I-95, Rt. 1, and Rt. 111 transportation corridors, and is a level, large piece of property that will serve the public well for the next century.

Finally, the Commission unanimously voted to “send a letter to the Judicial Branch highly recommending that the Judicial Branch work with the York County Commissioners and the York County District Attorney's Office to provide office space to the York County District Attorney's Office in the new judicial center at a cost of free or substantially reduced rent for a period of time.”

On November 10, 2016, pursuant to its statutory mandate, the Commission, acting through its Chair, sent a letter to the Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court to give formal notice of the Commission's selection of a site for the new York County Courthouse.

The Commission now respectfully submits this more detailed report of the Commission's work to the Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court and to the Associate Justices.

2. Commission Process & Meetings

The Commission met seven times over a period of three months to identify and evaluate available parcels of real estate in York County suitable for the construction of a 130,000 sq. ft. court facility. Prior to the first meeting, the Administrative Office of the Courts (“AOC”) published in newspapers and on the Judicial Branch website a notice of intent to purchase property in York County that might be suitable for the location of a new courthouse.

At its first meeting on August 1, 2016, the Commission addressed several matters: it established general organizational procedures; set meeting schedules through November 2016; and adopted site selection criteria to assist Commissioners in their evaluations of potential courthouse sites. The Commission also created a subcommittee (Mr. Dunham, Sen. Valentino, Rep. Mastraccio and State Court Administrator, Mr. Glessner) to expand its property search by identifying as many suitable sites as possible; and recommend available locations for the full Commission to consider. Finally, the Commission agreed to provide an opportunity at the end of each meeting for public comment.

At its second meeting on September 1, 2016, the Commission received the report of the subcommittee. The subcommittee contacted commercial real estate developers and brokers; received and compiled information regarding 27 properties; provided a “windshield” evaluation of all 27 sites, (see Appendix E); and recommended seven sites— shown as #2, #4, #15, #16, #10, #22 and #24 on the windshield spreadsheet—for closer consideration by the full Commission. The commission accepted the recommendation of the subcommittee and agreed to visit each of the seven sites on September 19, 2016.

Following the second meeting, Mr. Glessner reported to the Commission that one of the seven sites (#22) recommended by the subcommittee and owned by the Maine Turnpike Authority (“MTA”) had been withdrawn from consideration by the MTA.

On September 19, 2016, the third meeting, the full Commission participated in a bus tour of the remaining six parcels under

consideration by the Commission. At the conclusion of the tour, the Commission met and determined that it was particularly interested in, and requested further information about, parcels #2 (Alfred), #15 (Elm Street, Biddeford) and #24 (Route 111, Arundel). At that meeting, the Commission also received transport data from the York County Sheriff's Office regarding the number of prisoners transported daily from the jail to the four courthouses in York County; Maine Department of Public Safety arrest data by law enforcement agency; and the most recent five-year case filing data from the Judicial Branch (Appendix F).

At its fourth meeting on October 3, 2016, the Commission received correspondence from the York County Commissioners and the York County Budget Advisory Commission recommending that the new courthouse be located in Alfred and describing the negative impact on the county's budget that would result if a more distant courthouse location was selected (Appendix I). There followed some discussion about the Alfred parcel (#2), including the desirability of purchasing adjacent residential properties in order to permit a courthouse on that property to have frontage on Route 4.

Additionally, the subcommittee reported that it had revisited the sites under consideration, together with an additional site, #17 (60 Barra Road, Biddeford). As a result, the subcommittee revised its earlier recommendations, as follows: (a) remove parcel #24 (Route 111, Arundel) from further consideration because of potentially high costs associated with acquisition of the property and likely off-site traffic improvements; and, in its place, add parcel #17 (60 Barra Rd., Biddeford) to the remaining sites under consideration. Following further discussions, a motion was made, and it was unanimously voted, that the Commission (a) focus its consideration on sites #2, #15 and #17, and (b) not preclude consideration or reconsideration of any other appropriate sites until a final selection is made. Finally, the Commission voted to take another bus tour to view site #17, and to re-view sites #2 and #15 on October 12, 2016.

On October 12, 2016, the Commission conducted a walking tour of sites #2, #15 and #17, and met with the owner or owner's representative at each site.

On October 18, 2016, the Commission published notice of a public hearing to be held on October 31, 2016, to receive any additional information from the owners, or their representatives, regarding sites #2, Alfred, #15, Elm St., Biddeford, and #17, Barra Rd., Biddeford, and to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the final three sites.

On October 31, 2016, the Commission met for the purpose of hearing from the owners, or their representatives, of sites #2, #15 and #17 and from the public. Presentations were made and questions answered by (a) York County Manager Greg Zinser regarding site #2 (Alfred); (b) Biddeford Economic Director Daniel Stevenson regarding site #15 (Elm Street, Biddeford); and (c) David Gould, a partner in the Barra Road development group, regarding site #17 (Barra Road, Biddeford). Following those presentations, several members of the public addressed the Commission regarding the sites under consideration.

At the conclusion of the owners' presentations and public comments, the commission agreed to meet on November 4, 2016, to vote on the site selection. At the request of Sheriff King, who would be out of town on November 4th, the Commissioners unanimously agreed that he could attend the meeting and vote by telephone. Finally, the Commission received updated site criteria information for the three properties under consideration (Appendix G). The Commissioners were asked to review the criteria to inform their individual evaluations and to come to the final meeting prepared to discuss the properties and, if possible, make a final site selection.

At its final meeting on November 4, 2016, each Commissioner discussed his or her site selection choices, indicating how they ranked their choices and why. The Commission then took the following action:

After extensive discussions, Senator Valentino moved, and Representative Mastraccio seconded, to locate the new courthouse in the municipality of Biddeford. The motion passed 12-6 (Commissioners Sinden, Foley, Marass, King, Collins and Slattery opposed the motion).

Discussions then turned to the two sites located in Biddeford, sites

#15 and #17 and, following those discussions, Representative Foley moved, and Commissioner Sinden seconded, to select #15, 511-515 Elm St., in the municipality of Biddeford as the site of the new York County Courthouse. The motion passed unanimously.

Senator Valentino then moved, and Representative Mastraccio seconded, “to have the Commission send a letter to the Judicial Branch highly recommending that the Judicial Branch work with the York County Commissioners and the York County District Attorney's Office to provide office space to the York County District Attorney's Office in the new judicial center at a cost of free or substantially reduced rent for a period of time.” The motion passed unanimously.

On November 10, 2016, on behalf of the Commission, the Chair of the Commission sent a letter to Leigh I. Saufley, Chief Justice of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, to formally notify and report to her and to the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court that the Commission selected 511-515 Elm Street (U.S. Route 1), in the municipality of Biddeford as the site for the new York County Courthouse (Appendix K).

3. Summary of Commission's Actions

- (a) On November 4, 2016, IT WAS VOTED, 12 to 6 in favor, to locate the new York County Courthouse in the municipality of Biddeford.
- (b) On November 4, 2016, IT WAS VOTED, unanimously, to select 511-515 Elm St., in the municipality of Biddeford as the site of the new York County Courthouse.
- (c) On November 4, 2016, IT WAS RECOMMENDED, unanimously, that the Judicial Branch work with the York County Commissioners and the York County District Attorney's Office to provide office space to the York County District Attorney's Office in the new judicial center at a cost of free or substantially reduced rent for a period of time.

This Report is respectfully submitted to the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court by

THE YORK COUNTY COURTHOUSE SITE SELECTION COMMISSION

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Dated: November 30, 2016

STATE OF MAINE

—
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND SIXTEEN

—
S.P. 590 - L.D. 1528

An Act To Modernize and Consolidate Court Facilities

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 4 MRSA §1610-I is enacted to read:

§1610-I. Additional securities; Judicial Branch

Notwithstanding any limitation on the amount of securities that may be issued pursuant to section 1606, subsection 2, the authority may issue additional securities from time to time in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$95,600,000 outstanding at any one time for the purposes of paying the costs associated with the planning, purchasing, financing, acquiring, constructing, renovating, furnishing, equipping, improving, extending, enlarging and consolidating new and existing facilities and projects relating to the Judicial Branch in the counties of Oxford, Waldo and York and planning for other court facilities.

Sec. 2. York County Courthouse Site Selection Commission. The York County Courthouse Site Selection Commission, referred to in this section as "the commission," is created to choose a location for the new York County Courthouse. The commission consists of the following members:

1. Two members appointed by the Governor;
2. Two members of the Senate representing York County, one from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature, appointed by the President of the Senate;
3. Two members of the House of Representatives representing York County, one from each of the 2 parties holding the largest number of seats in the Legislature, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
4. One clerk of courts and 2 judges or justices, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court;

5. The York County District Attorney, or the designee of the York County District Attorney;
6. The York County Sheriff, or the designee of the York County Sheriff;
7. One person appointed by the York County Commissioners;
8. One local law enforcement officer appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court from a list submitted by the Maine Chiefs of Police Association;
9. Three actively practicing members of the York County Bar, at least one of whom does court-appointed work, from a list submitted by the York County Bar Association; and
10. One victim advocate appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.

The State Court Administrator shall serve as a nonvoting member and provide such assistance as may be required by the commission. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court shall name a member of the Supreme Judicial Court to serve as chair of the commission. The commission shall meet at the call of the chair and make a recommendation to the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court by January 1, 2017. The Judicial Branch is authorized to construct a courthouse in the municipality designated by the commission.

YORK COUNTY COURTHOUSE SITE SELECTION COMMISSION

COMMISSION MEMBERS (Effective July 29, 2016)

Chair of Commission

Hon. Thomas E. Humphrey, Associate Justice, Maine Supreme Judicial Court

Ex Officio:

Kathryn Slattery, York County District Attorney

William King, York County Sheriff

Appointed by Governor LePage:

David Lavway, Deputy Commissioner of Operations, Maine Department of Finance and Administration

Thomas Dunham, The Dunham Group

Appointed by Senate President Thibodeau:

Hon. Senator Ron Collins

Hon. Senator Linda Valentino

Appointed by Speaker Mark Eves:

Hon. Representative Robert A. Foley

Hon. Representative Anne-Marie Mastraccio

Appointed by the York County Commission:

York County Commissioner Gary Sinden

Appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court:

Hon. Superior Court Justice Wayne Douglas

Hon. District Court Judge Jeffrey Moskowitz

Kathy Jones, Clerk of Courts, Biddeford and Springvale District Courts

Ken Marass, Esq.

John Webb, Esq.

Amy Fairfield, Esq.

Chief Jo-Ann Putnam, Wells Police Department, Local Police Chief, nominated by the Maine Chiefs of Police Association:

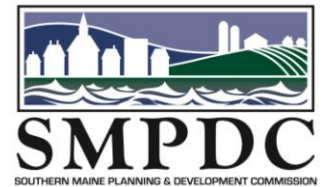
Sherry Edwards, Asst. Director of Caring Unlimited, Victim Advocate representative

James T. Glessner, State Court Administrator (Non-voting member)

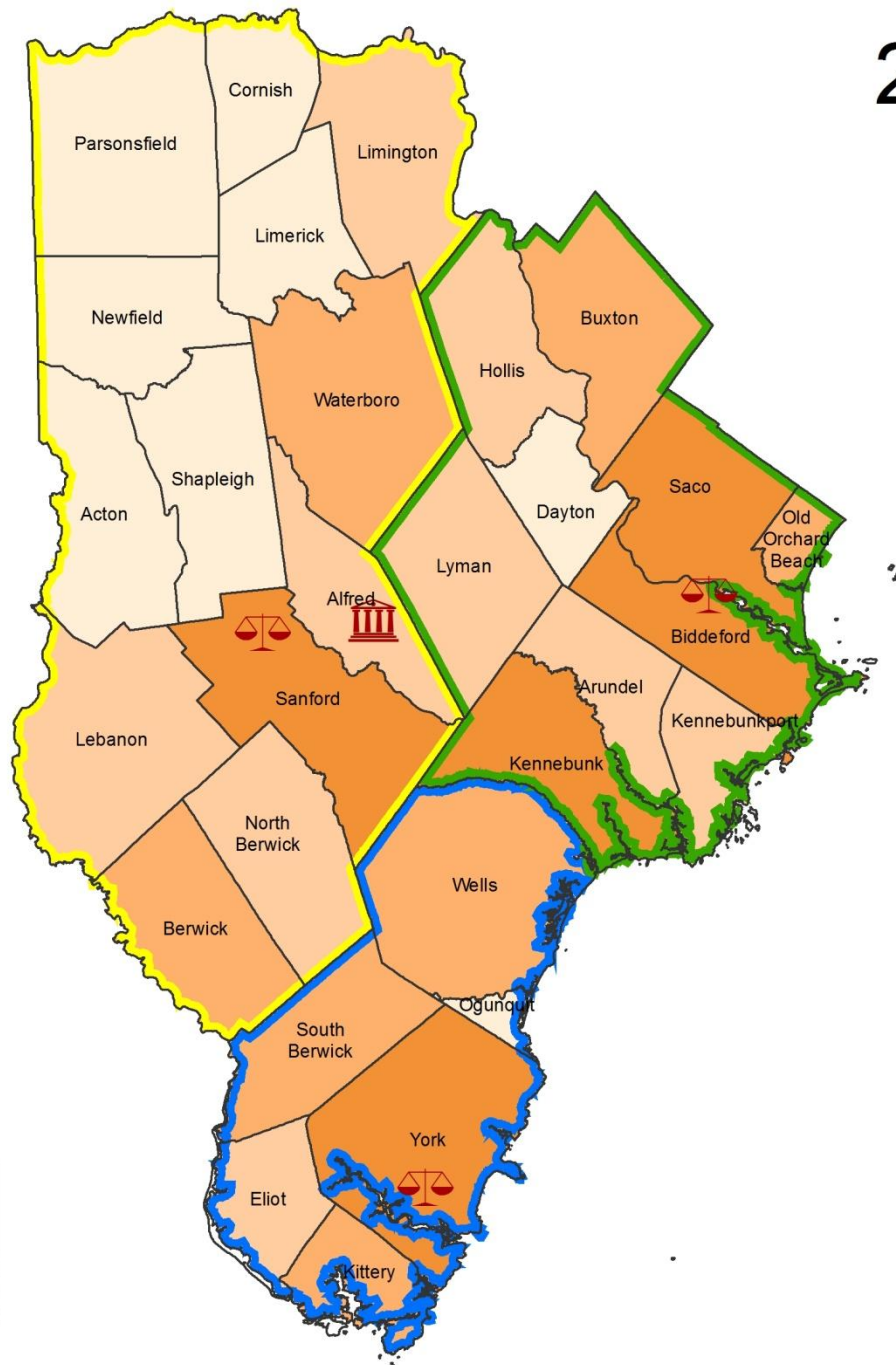
Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission

York County Courthouse Advisory Committee Presentation

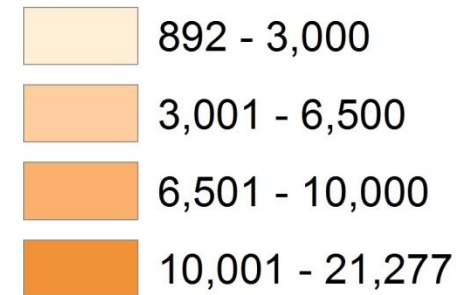
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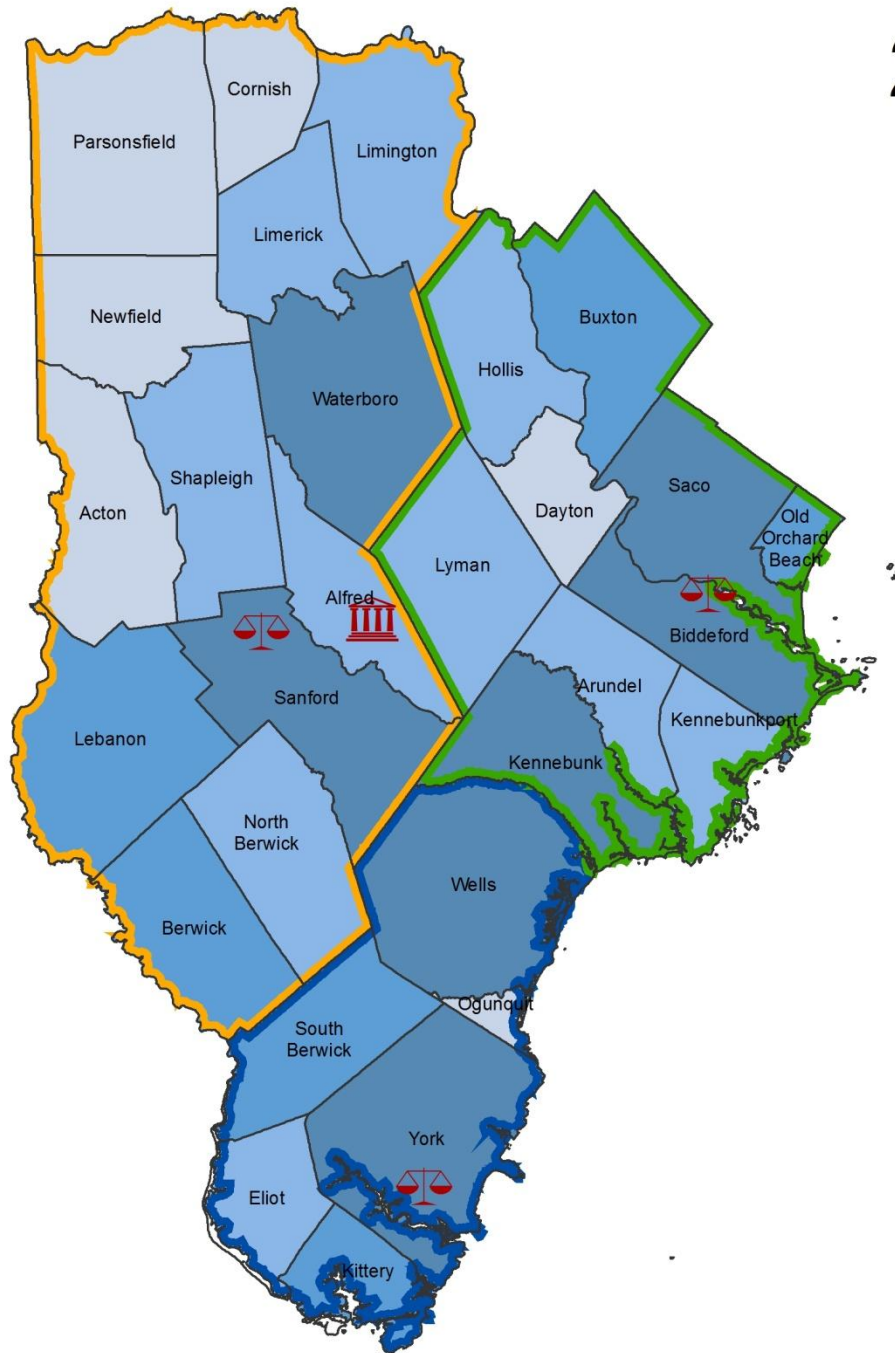
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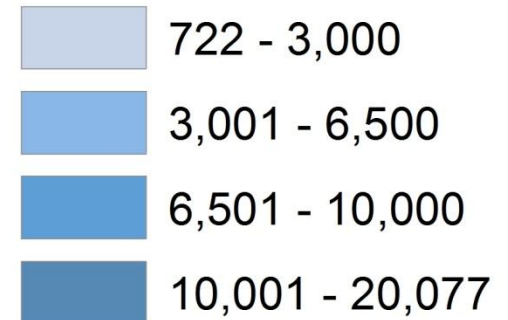
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2030 Population Projections



2030 Population



Population Center of York County

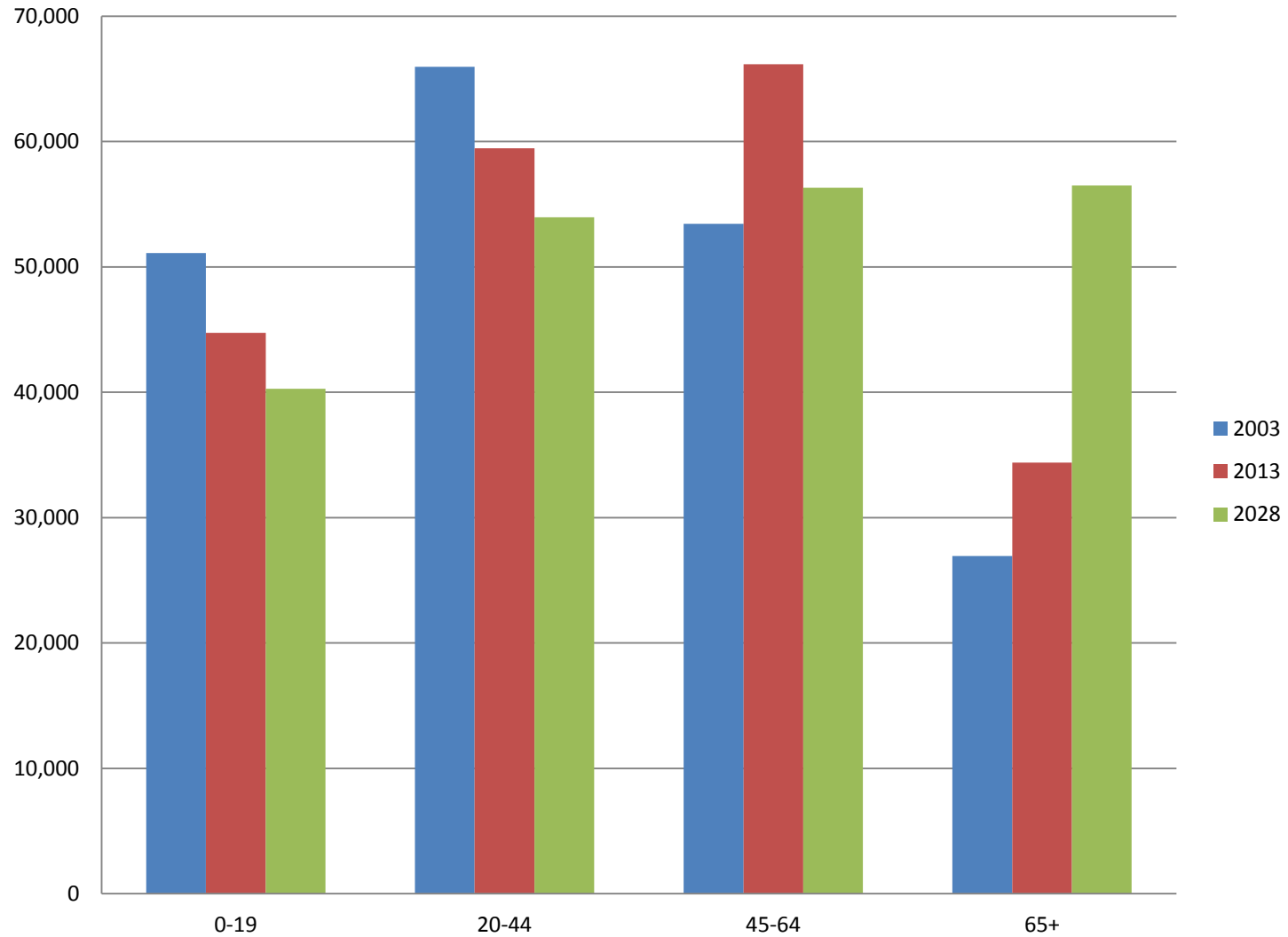


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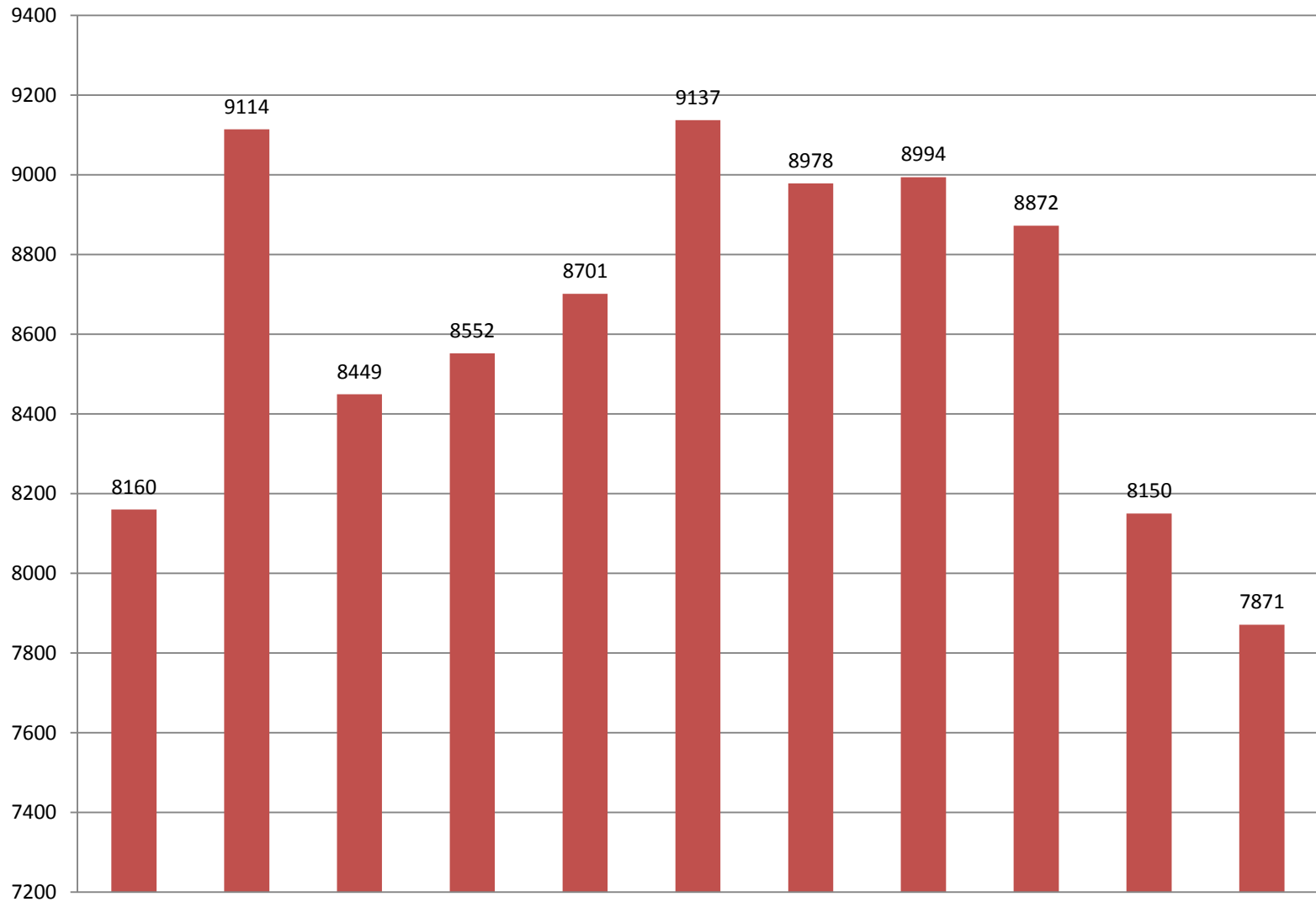


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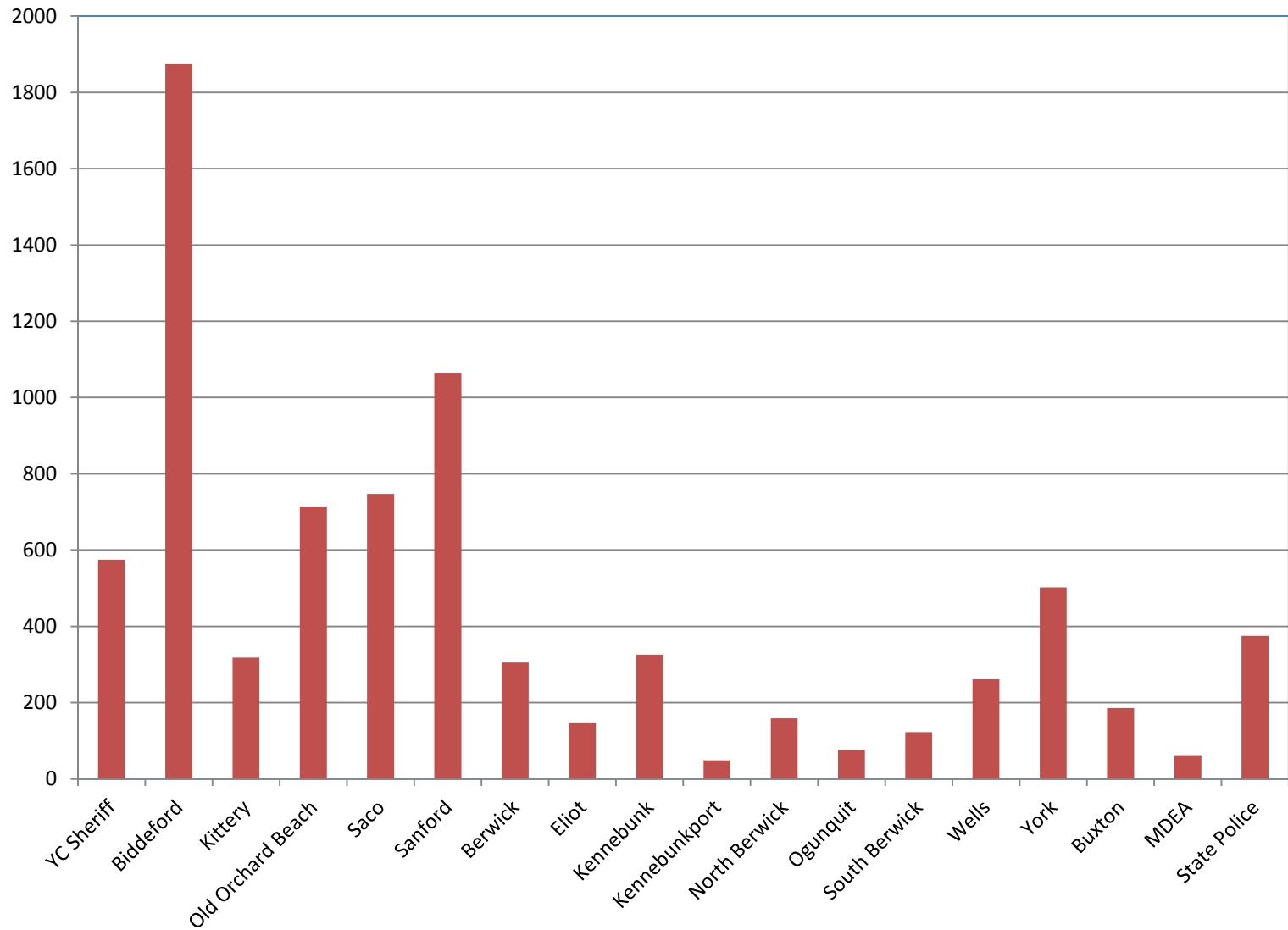
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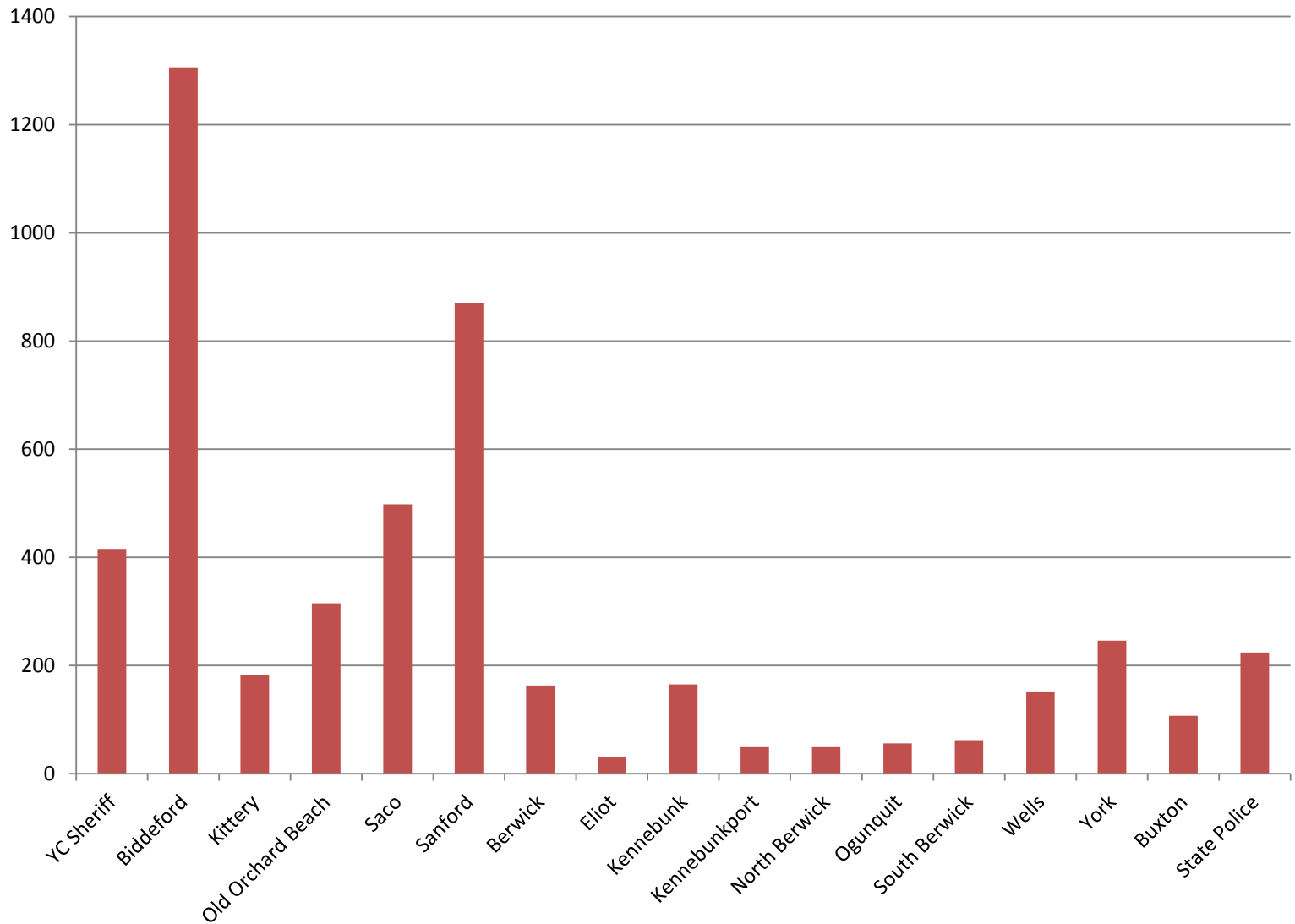
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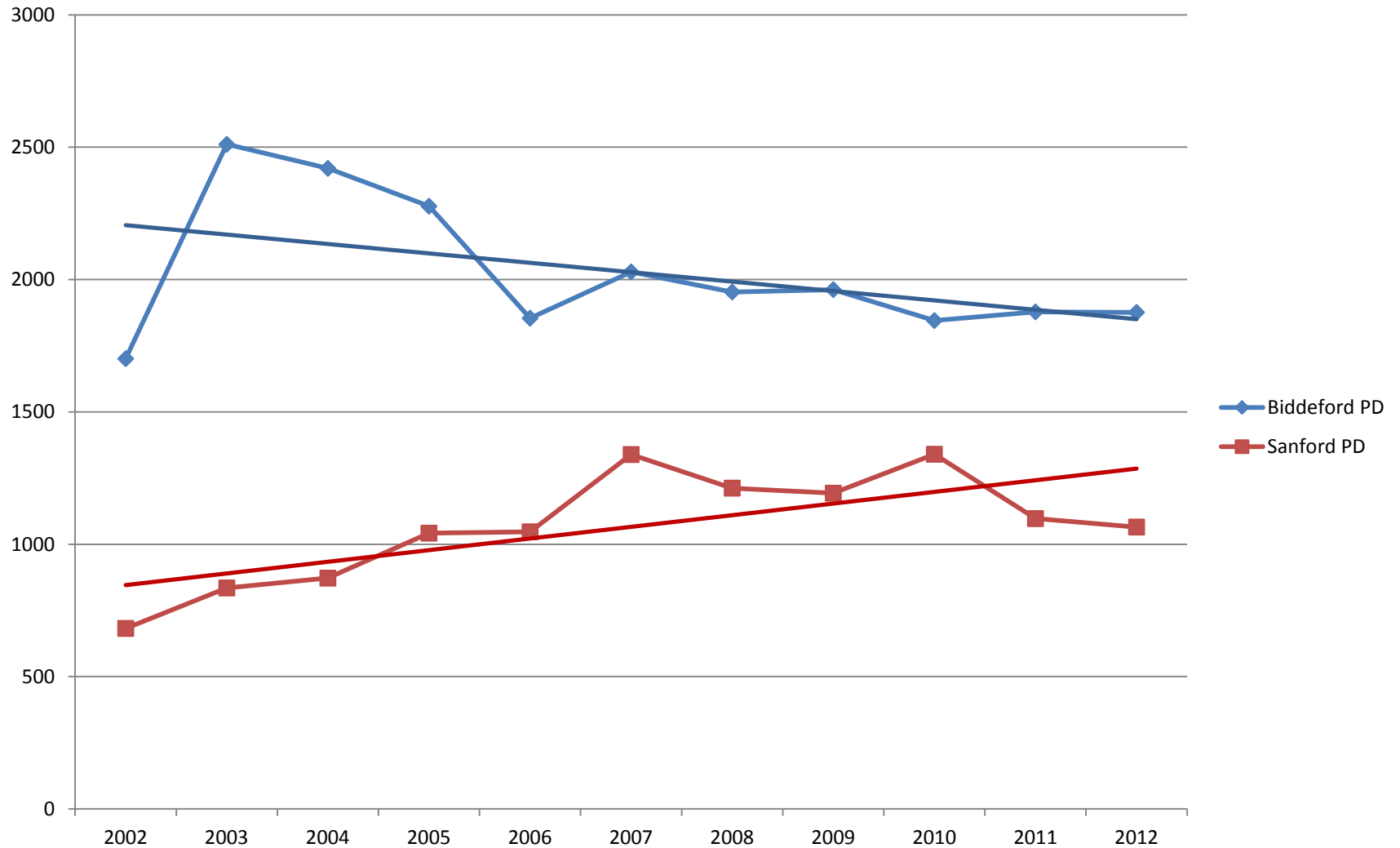
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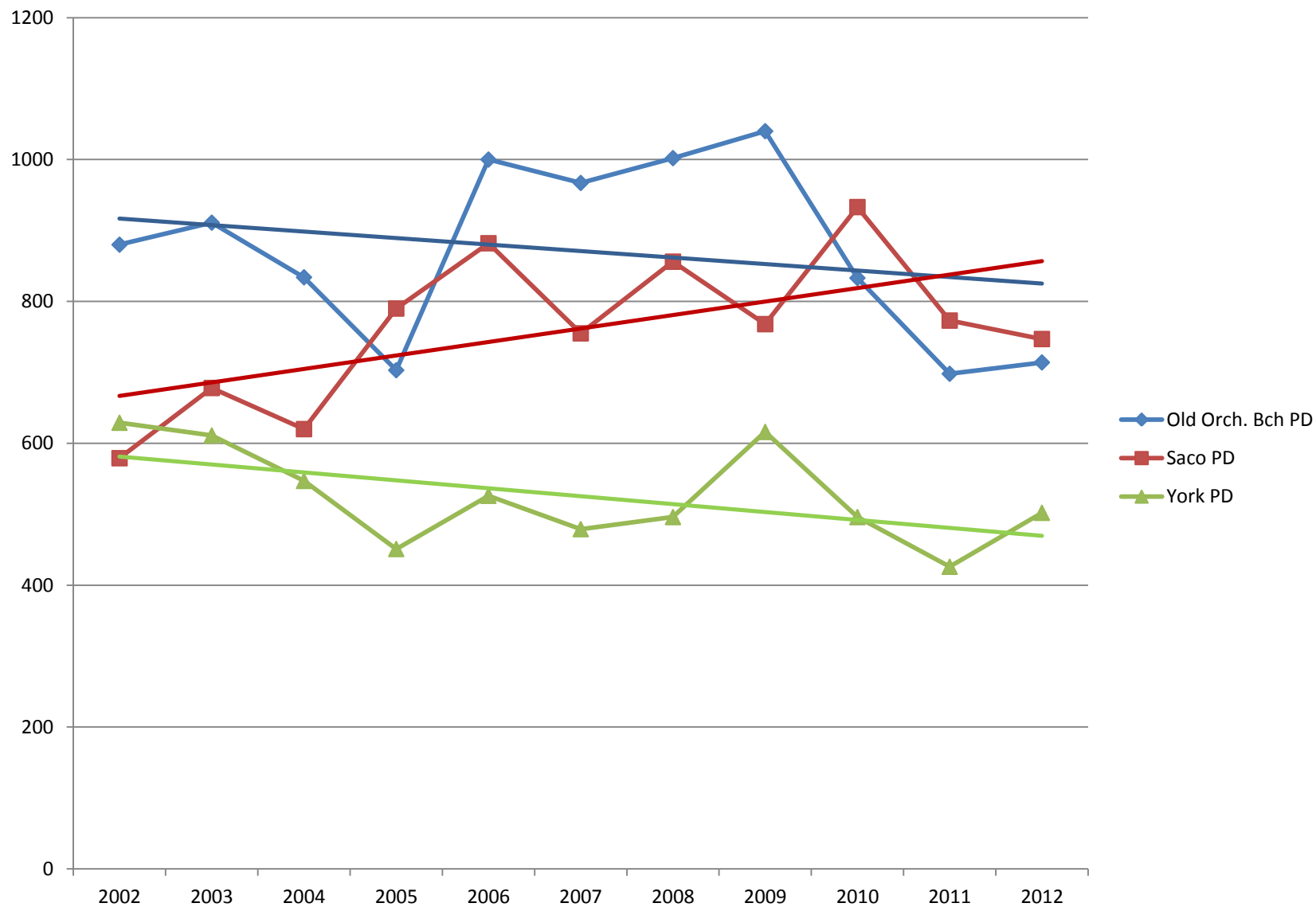
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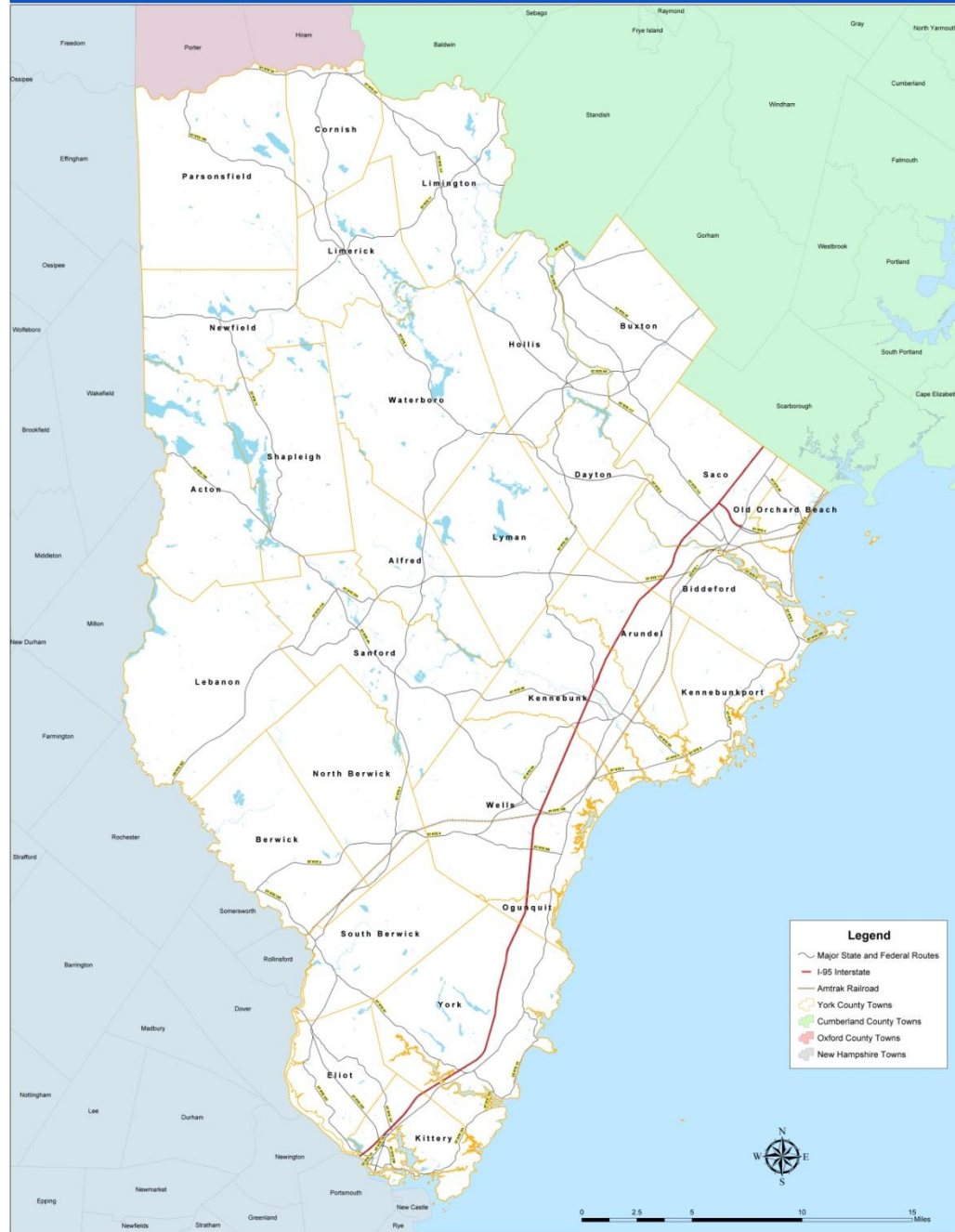
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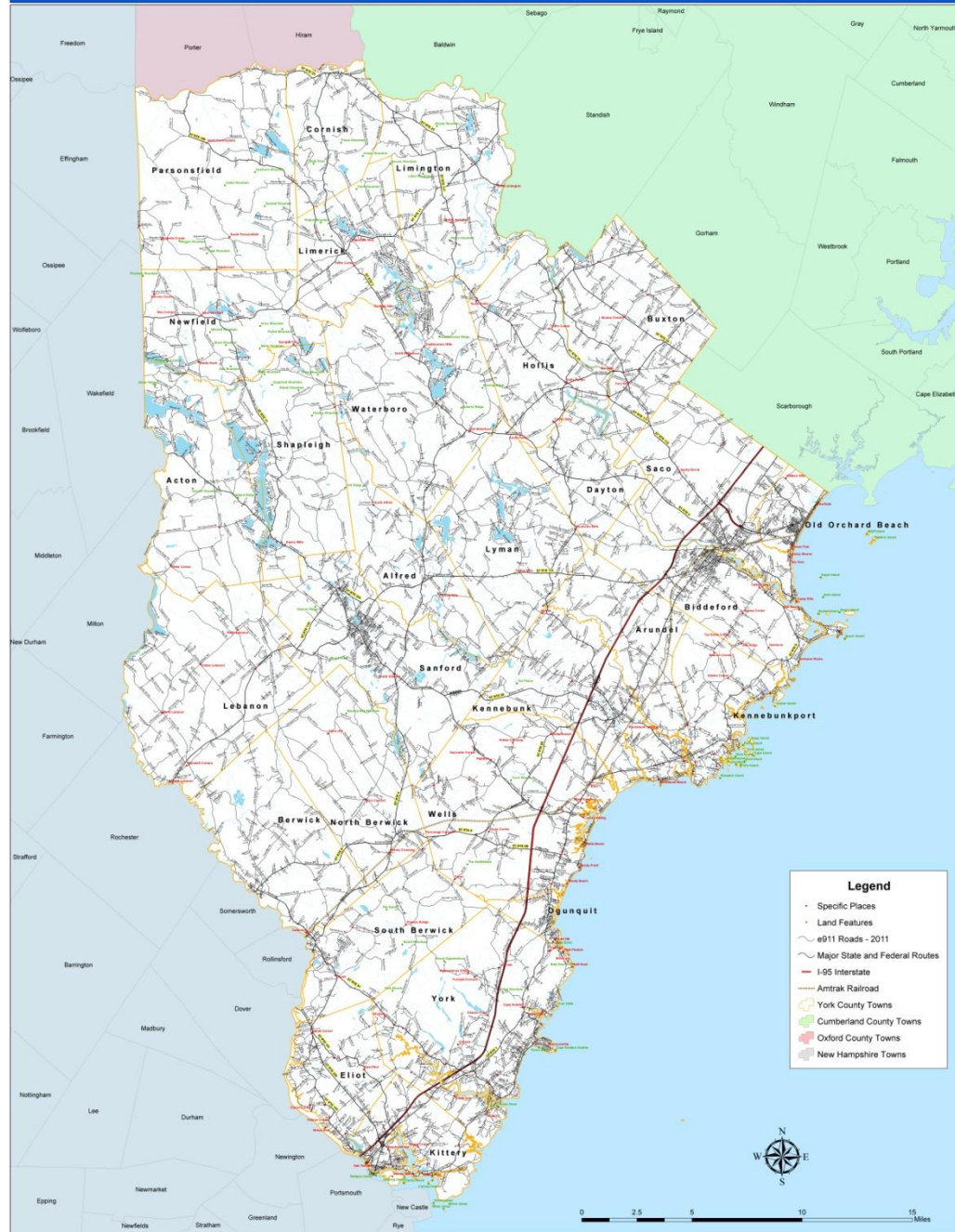
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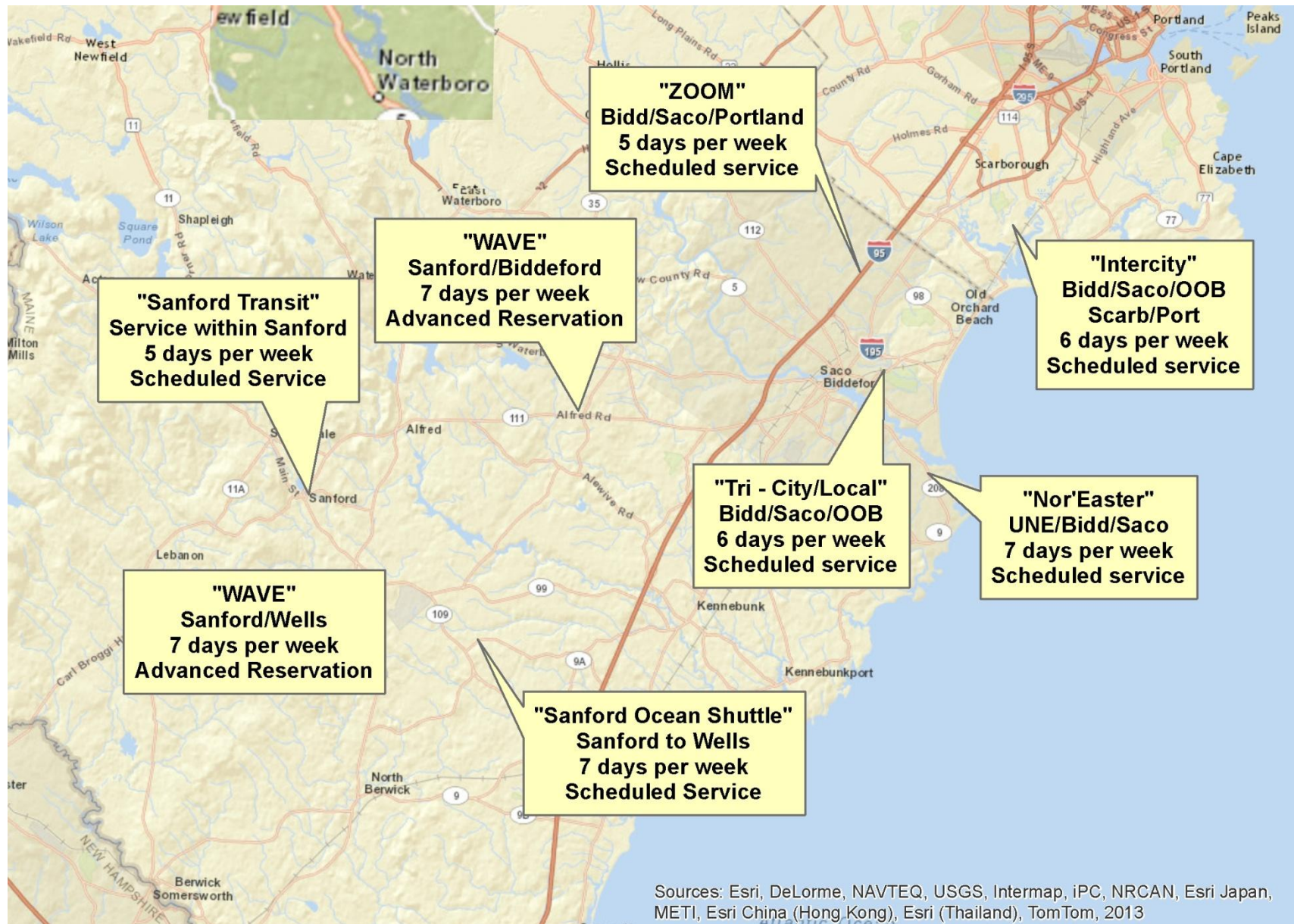
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Public Transportation in York County



YORK COUNTY COURTHOUSE SITE SELECTION COMMISSION
EXPLANATION OF CRITERIA

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A Location		
1	Accessibility to major roads	The site should be easily accessible to the public without negatively impacting local residential neighborhoods.
2	Accessibility to I-95	The site should be easily accessible to the public traveling from other regions of the State.
3	Requirements for offsite improvements	Offsite improvements such as installing traffic lights, widening roads, expanding public utilities to the site negatively affect project costs.
4	Availability to public transportation	Public transportation to the site improves public accessibility to the courthouse.
5	Compatible with existing zoning	The courthouse should be compatible with neighboring properties.
6	Courthouse use consistent with master plan	The use of the site should be compatible with future use patterns.
7	Proximity to jail	Distance and travel time affect the cost of prisoner transport.
8	Proximity to geographic center of County	The courthouse should be located in the center of the County.
9	Proximity to population center of the County	The courthouse should be located closest to the majority of County residents.
B Site Characteristics and Development		
1	Sufficient land (approximately 7 buildable acres) to accommodate the building floor plate (approximately 30,000 SF) and parking (300 spaces)	The buildable size of an acceptable property will depend on the building design, local parking requirements, access points, and natural barriers such as topography, wetlands, or requirements for onsite sewage treatment. An urban site may be able to be smaller due to the availability of public sewer service and offsite parking, but be more costly to purchase due to availability.
2	Impact of parking and traffic on adjacent neighborhood (least impact scores most)	The courthouse should be compatible with neighboring properties. Traffic, congestion, and pollution may have a negative impact on adjacent neighborhoods.
3	Easements or rights of way (least impact scores most)	Encumbrances can negatively impact the buildable size of an acceptable property.
4	Distinct topographical or geological features (least impact scores most)	Steep slopes can negatively impact the buildable size of an acceptable property.
5	Single land parcel	The purchase of multiple land parcels can increase time and cost to the project.

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EXPLANATION OF CRITERIA

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6	Clear access to courthouse from public roads and parking	The courthouse entrance and public parking must be clear and distinct when approached by automobiles and pedestrians
7	Impression of site for courthouse	The courthouse should be situated in a place of civic importance.
8	Suitability of site for expansion	The site should allow for expansion of the building or parking.
9	Natural environmental impacts (least impact scores most)	The development of the site should not endanger natural habitat or initiate other negative environmental impacts.
10	Security risks (least impact scores most)	The site should be open and free of places for intruders to hide.
11	Environmental hazards (least impact scores most)	The remediation of hazardous waste will greatly increase the cost of development
12	Potential site development costs (least impact scores most)	Increased site development costs negatively impact the size and quality of the building structure within a fixed project budget.
13	Purchase price of site (least impact most)	Increased purchase price of the site will negatively impact the size and quality of the building structure within a fixed project budget.
14	Availability for purchase	The site must be available for purchase.

C Proximity to public utilities		
1	3-Phase electrical service	A courthouse will require 3-phase electric service to operate elevators and mechanical equipment.
2	Sanitary sewer service	Public sewer is important. Onsite septic treatment will increase construction cost and occupy valuable space on the site, thus reducing the space available for building and parking.
3	Storm water	If public storm water is not available than space for onsite detention, or retention, facilities will be required.
4	Natural gas	Operating costs will be greatly affected by the availability of natural gas to the site.
5	Telecommunications (fiber)	The entire judicial and public safety systems rely on dark fiber service. This is a must.
6	Domestic and fire protection water service	Adequate water service to the site is extremely important. Its availability will affect the cost of construction and operations.

**YORK COUNTY COURTHOUSE SITE SELECTION COMMISSION
WINDSHIELD EVALUATION WORKSHEET**

			Property 1	Property 2	Property 3.1	Property 3.2
		Importance	Sanford	Alfred	Wells	Wells
		3 Most 1 Least	Intersection of Route 4 and Country Club Road #2	Layman Way and Route 4 (adjacent York County Jail)	739 Sanford Road, Route109	750 Sanford Road, Route109
A	Location					
1	Accessibility to major roads	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	Accessibility to I-95	3	12.1 miles to Wells Entrance; 35 miles to Biddeford Entrance.	12.7 miles to Biddeford Exchange	Adjacent to Wells Exchange	Adjacent to Wells Exchange
3	Requirements for offsite improvements (least impact scores most)	1				Traffic light may be required
4	Availability to public transportation	1		Yes	Adjacent Wells Transportation Center	Adjacent Wells Transportation Center
5	Compatible with existing zoning	3		Yes	Yes	Yes
6	Courthouse use consistent with master plan	3				
7	Proximity to jail	2	4.6 miles	Adjacent to Jail	12.9 miles	12.9 miles
8	Proximity to geographic center of County - <i>[Alfred Superior Court]</i>	1	5.8 miles	1.8 miles	14.1 miles	14.1 miles
9	Proximity to population center of the County	1				
10	Fiscal impact on County (least impact scores most)	2				
B	Site Characteristics and Development					
1	Sufficient land (approximately 7 buildable acres) to accommodate the building floor plate (approximately 30,000 SF) and parking (300 spaces)	3	40 acres - only 7 acres buildable?	7 acres within 100 acres owned by County	56 acres	7 acres
2	Impact of parking and traffic on adjacent neighborhood (least impact scores most)	3				
3	Easements or rights of way (least impact scores most)	2				
4	Distinct topographical or geological features (least impact scores most)	2	wetlands		wetlands	
5	Single land parcel	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
6	Clear access to courthouse from public roads and parking	3	Yes	Off entrance drive (Layman Way) to Jail	Narrow entrance off Sanford Road – Building would not be visible from road	Poor sightlines for entrance to site
7	Impression of site for courthouse	3	Rural residential, not a courthouse site.		Not suitable	Not suitable
8	Suitability of site for expansion	3				
9	Natural environmental impacts (least impact scores most)	3				
10	Security risks (least impact scores most)	3	Wooded lot	Wooded lot	Wooded lot	Wooded lot
11	Environmental hazards (least impact scores most)	3				
12	Potential site development costs (least impact scores most)	2				
14	Availability for purchase	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
C	Proximity to public utilities					
1	3-Phase electrical service	3	Yes?	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	Sanitary sewer service	2	Septic required	Possible tie in to adjacent Jail system, or short (?) distance to public system.	Public system 2/10 mile distant	Public system 2/10 mile distant
3	Storm water	1	No			
4	Natural gas	3	No		Yes	Yes
5	Telecommunications (fiber)	2			Yes	Yes
6	Domestic and fire protection water service	3	Public	Public	Public	Public
D	RECOMMEND FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION		NO	POSSIBLE	NO	NO

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WINDSHIELD EVALUATION WORKSHEET**

			Property 3.3	Property 4	Property 5	Property 6
		Importance	Wells	Wells	Sanford	Sanford
		3 Most 1 Least	0 Spencer Drive & Route 109	100 Spencer Drive & Route 109	Airport Road, Sanford Regional Airport	414-424 Alfred Road
A	Location					
1	Accessibility to major roads	2	Yes	Yes	?	
2	Accessibility to I-95	3	<1 mile to Wells Exchange	<1 mile to Wells Exchange	8.3 miles to Wells Exchange	11.7 miles to Wells Exchange
3	Requirements for offsite improvements (least impact scores most)	1				
4	Availability to public transportation	1	Adjacent Wells Transportation Center	<1 mile Wells Transportation Center		
5	Compatible with existing zoning	3	Yes	Yes		R12
6	Courthouse use consistent with master plan	3				
7	Proximity to jail	2	13 miles	13.4 miles	5.5 miles	1.7 miles
8	Proximity to geographic center of County - [Alfred Superior Court]	1	14.2 miles	14.6 miles		
9	Proximity to population center of the County	1				
10	Fiscal impact on County (least impact scores most)	2				
B	Site Characteristics and Development					
1	Sufficient land (approximately 7 buildable acres) to accommodate the building floor plate (approximately 30,000 SF) and parking (300 spaces)	3	5.5 acres	29.96 acres	6 acres	3 parcels = 14.16 acres
2	Impact of parking and traffic on adjacent neighborhood (least impact scores most)	3				
3	Easements or rights of way (least impact scores most)	2				
4	Distinct topographical or geological features (least impact scores most)	2	Steep slopes with wetlands			
5	Single land parcel	1	Yes	Yes	Yes	No, but one owner
6	Clear access to courthouse from public roads and parking	3	Yes	Off commercial development drive (Spencer Drive)	No	Yes
7	Impression of site for courthouse	3	Not suitable	Possible	Not suitable, adjacent airport, gravel pit, on back road	Not suitable
8	Suitability of site for expansion	3	No	Yes		
9	Natural environmental impacts (least impact scores most)	3				
10	Security risks (least impact scores most)	3	Wooded lot	Wooded lot		
11	Environmental hazards (least impact scores most)	3				
12	Potential site development costs (least impact scores most)	2				
14	Availability for purchase	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
C	Proximity to public utilities					
1	3-Phase electrical service	3	Yes	Yes		
2	Sanitary sewer service					
		2	Public system 2/10 mile distant	Yes		
3	Storm water	1				
4	Natural gas	3	Yes	Yes		
5	Telecommunications (fiber)	2	Yes	Yes		
6	Domestic and fire protection water service	3	Public	Yes		
D	RECOMMEND FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION		NO	POSSIBLE	NO	NO

**YORK COUNTY COURTHOUSE SITE SELECTION COMMISSION
WINDSHIELD EVALUATION WORKSHEET**

			Property 7	Property 8	Property 9	Property 10
		Importance	Waterboro	Wells	Saco	Biddeford/Arundel
		3 Most 1 Least	Located behind/adjacent Massabesic High School, West Road	198 Post Road, Route 1	986 Portland Road, Route 1	Portland Road
A	Location					
1	Accessibility to major roads	2	Not really, < 1 mile to Route 202	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	Accessibility to I-95	3	20.5 miles	4 miles	4.5 miles	6.2 miles
3	Requirements for offsite improvements (least impact scores most)	1				
4	Availability to public transportation	1				
5	Compatible with existing zoning	3				
6	Courthouse use consistent with master plan	3				
7	Proximity to jail	2	6.4 miles	17 miles	22.3 miles	14.8 miles
8	Proximity to geographic center of County - [Alfred Superior Court]	1	4.9 miles	18.2 miles	20.6 miles	13.1 miles
9	Proximity to population center of the County	1				
10	Fiscal impact on County (least impact scores most)	2				
B	Site Characteristics and Development					
1	Sufficient land (approximately 7 buildable acres) to accommodate the building floor plate (approximately 30,000 SF) and parking (300 spaces)	3	7.36 acres	5+ – 7+ acres	67 acres	201 acres
2	Impact of parking and traffic on adjacent neighborhood (least impact scores most)	3				
3	Easements or rights of way (least impact scores most)	2				
4	Distinct topographical or geological features (least impact scores most)	2				
5	Single land parcel	1		2 parcels		
6	Clear access to courthouse from public roads and parking	3	No			
7	Impression of site for courthouse	3	Not suitable, no clear access to property, adjacent sports fields behind high school	Not suitable, congested seasonal traffic, adjacent car wash, motels	Not suitable, adjacent/behind Aquaboggan Water Park, very close to northern county line	Not enough information
8	Suitability of site for expansion	3				
9	Natural environmental impacts (least impact scores most)	3				
10	Security risks (least impact scores most)	3	Wooded lot		Wooded lot	
11	Environmental hazards (least impact scores most)	3				
12	Potential site development costs (least impact scores most)	2				
14	Availability for purchase	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	
C	Proximity to public utilities					
1	3-Phase electrical service	3				
2	Sanitary sewer service					
		2				
3	Storm water	1				
4	Natural gas	3				
5	Telecommunications (fiber)	2				
6	Domestic and fire protection water service	3				
D	RECOMMEND FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION		NO	NO	NO	POSSIBLE – request more information

**YORK COUNTY COURTHOUSE SITE SELECTION COMMISSION
WINDSHIELD EVALUATION WORKSHEET**

			Property 11	Property 12	Property 13	Property 14
		Importance	Arundel	Sanford	Wells	Biddeford
		3 Most 1 Least	1916 Portland Road	88 Alfred Road, Route 4	Tivoli and Spencer Drive	25 Adams Street (District Courthouse)
A	Location					
1	Accessibility to major roads	2	Yes	Yes, close to Route 4, Route 109 rotary	Yes	
2	Accessibility to I-95	3	3.6 miles	15.4 miles	< 1 mile	
3	Requirements for offsite improvements (least impact scores most)	1				
4	Availability to public transportation	1				
5	Compatible with existing zoning	3				
6	Courthouse use consistent with master plan	3				
7	Proximity to jail	2	14.8 miles	3.3 miles	13.6 miles	
8	Proximity to geographic center of County - <i>[Alfred Superior Court]</i>	1	13.1 miles	4.5 miles	14.8 miles	
9	Proximity to population center of the County	1				
10	Fiscal impact on County (least impact scores most)	2				
B	Site Characteristics and Development					
1	Sufficient land (approximately 7 buildable acres) to accommodate the building floor plate (approximately 30,000 SF) and parking (300 spaces)	3	8.02 acres	18 acres	7 acres	Site too small
2	Impact of parking and traffic on adjacent neighborhood (least impact scores most)	3				
3	Easements or rights of way (least impact scores most)	2				
4	Distinct topographical or geological features (least impact scores most)	2				
5	Single land parcel	1				
6	Clear access to courthouse from public roads and parking	3			Back in industrial park	
7	Impression of site for courthouse	3	Not suitable	Not suitable		
8	Suitability of site for expansion	3				
9	Natural environmental impacts (least impact scores most)	3				
10	Security risks (least impact scores most)	3	wooded lot		wooded lot	
11	Environmental hazards (least impact scores most)	3				
12	Potential site development costs (least impact scores most)	2				
14	Availability for purchase	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	
C	Proximity to public utilities					
1	3-Phase electrical service	3			Yes	
2	Sanitary sewer service					
		2				
3	Storm water	1				
4	Natural gas	3			Yes	
5	Telecommunications (fiber)	2			Yes	
6	Domestic and fire protection water service	3			Yes	
D	RECOMMEND FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION		NO	NO	NO	NO

**YORK COUNTY COURTHOUSE SITE SELECTION COMMISSION
WINDSHIELD EVALUATION WORKSHEET**

			Property 15	Property 16	Property 17	Property 18
		Importance	Biddeford	Biddeford	Biddeford	Biddeford
		3 Most 1 Least	511 – 515 Elm Street	516 – 522 Elm Street	Barra Road	510 Alfred Street (former Shaw's)
A	Location					
1	Accessibility to major roads	2	Yes	Yes	Yes, but at end of development drive	Yes
2	Accessibility to I-95	3	1.4 miles	1.3 miles	1.1 miles	.3 mile Biddeford Entrance
3	Requirements for offsite improvements (least impact scores most)	1				
4	Availability to public transportation	1				
5	Compatible with existing zoning	3				
6	Courthouse use consistent with master plan	3				
7	Proximity to jail	2	14 miles	13.9 miles	13.7 miles	12.9 miles
8	Proximity to geographic center of County - [Alfred Superior Court]	1	12.3 miles	12.2 miles	12.1 miles	11.3 miles
9	Proximity to population center of the County	1				
10	Fiscal impact on County (least impact scores most)	2				
B	Site Characteristics and Development					
1	Sufficient land (approximately 7 buildable acres) to accommodate the building floor plate (approximately 30,000 SF) and parking (300 spaces)	3	12.7 acres	22.61 acres	9 acres	8.29 acres
2	Impact of parking and traffic on adjacent neighborhood (least impact scores most)	3				
3	Easements or rights of way (least impact scores most)	2				
4	Distinct topographical or geological features (least impact scores most)	2				
5	Single land parcel	1				
6	Clear access to courthouse from public roads and parking	3			Not visible from Route 111, at end of development drive	Yes
7	Impression of site for courthouse	3	Not enthusiastic about impression, may need further study	Not enthusiastic about impression, may need further study	Wooded site at end of development drive – not easily visible	
8	Suitability of site for expansion	3	Suitable	Suitable		
9	Natural environmental impacts (least impact scores most)	3				
10	Security risks (least impact scores most)	3				
11	Environmental hazards (least impact scores most)	3				
12	Potential site development costs (least impact scores most)	2				
14	Availability for purchase	3	Yes, owned by City	Yes, owned by City	Yes	Yes
C	Proximity to public utilities					
1	3-Phase electrical service	3				
2	Sanitary sewer service					
		2				
3	Storm water	1				
4	Natural gas	3				
5	Telecommunications (fiber)	2				
6	Domestic and fire protection water service	3				
D	RECOMMEND FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION		POSSIBLE	POSSIBLE	NO	NO

**YORK COUNTY COURTHOUSE SITE SELECTION COMMISSION
WINDSHIELD EVALUATION WORKSHEET**

			Property 19	Property 20	Property 21	Property 22
		Importance	Lyman	Sanford	Saco	Kennebunk
		3 Most 1 Least	Route 35 & Route 111	Route 202 and Grammar Road	1016 Portland Road	Alfred Road, Alewife Road, Kennebunk Exchange
A	Location					
1	Accessibility to major roads	2	Yes	Yes		
2	Accessibility to I-95	3	5.6 miles	13.9 miles	4.7 miles	Adjacent Kennebunk Exchange
3	Requirements for offsite improvements (least impact scores most)	1				
4	Availability to public transportation	1				
5	Compatible with existing zoning	3				
6	Courthouse use consistent with master plan	3				
7	Proximity to jail	2	7.2 miles	3.7 miles	22.5 miles	11.4 miles
8	Proximity to geographic center of County - <i>[Alfred Superior Court]</i>	1	5.5 miles	2.9	20.8 miles	10.6 miles
9	Proximity to population center of the County	1				
10	Fiscal impact on County (least impact scores most)	2				
B	Site Characteristics and Development					
1	Sufficient land (approximately 7 buildable acres) to accommodate the building floor plate (approximately 30,000 SF) and parking (300 spaces)	3	15.5 acres	7 acres	39.79 Acres	7 acres
2	Impact of parking and traffic on adjacent neighborhood (least impact scores most)	3				
3	Easements or rights of way (least impact scores most)	2				
4	Distinct topographical or geological features (least impact scores most)	2				
5	Single land parcel	1				
6	Clear access to courthouse from public roads and parking	3				
7	Impression of site for courthouse	3	Not suitable, adjacent gas station convenience store, rural setting	Not suitable, adjacent to rural church	Not suitable, adjacent Aquaboggan Water Park, very close to northern county line	
8	Suitability of site for expansion	3				
9	Natural environmental impacts (least impact scores most)	3				
10	Security risks (least impact scores most)	3	Wooded lot			
11	Environmental hazards (least impact scores most)	3				
12	Potential site development costs (least impact scores most)	2				
14	Availability for purchase	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, Maine Turnpike Authority Ownership
C	Proximity to public utilities					
1	3-Phase electrical service	3	Yes			
2	Sanitary sewer service	2	No			
3	Storm water	1				
4	Natural gas	3				
5	Telecommunications (fiber)	2				
6	Domestic and fire protection water service	3	No	No		
D	RECOMMEND FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION		NO	NO	NO	POSSIBLE – Need more information

**YORK COUNTY COURTHOUSE SITE SELECTION COMMISSION
WINDSHIELD EVALUATION WORKSHEET**

			Property 23	Property 24	Property 25	Property 26
		3 Most 1 Least	Saco	Biddeford	Arundel	Arundel
		Importance	45 Industrial Park Road	Route 111	Route 111	754 Alfred Road, Route 111
A	Location					
1	Accessibility to major roads	2	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2	Accessibility to I-95	3	< 1 mile to Biddeford/Saco Exchange Route 195	.5 mile to Biddeford Exchange	1.7 miles to Biddeford Exchange	2.0 miles to Biddeford Exchange
3	Requirements for offsite improvements (least impact scores most)	1				
4	Availability to public transportation	1				
5	Compatible with existing zoning	3				
6	Courthouse use consistent with master plan	3				
7	Proximity to jail	2	22.5 miles	11.7 miles	11 miles	10.7 miles
8	Proximity to geographic center of County - [Alfred Superior Court]	1	20.8 miles	10.1 miles	9.3 miles	9.1 miles
9	Proximity to population center of the County	1				
10	Fiscal impact on County (least impact scores most)	2				
B	Site Characteristics and Development					
1	Sufficient land (approximately 7 buildable acres) to accommodate the building floor plate (approximately 30,000 SF) and parking (300 spaces)	3	31.2 acres	7 – 15 acres	7 acres	7 acres
2	Impact of parking and traffic on adjacent neighborhood (least impact scores most)	3				
3	Easements or rights of way (least impact scores most)	2				
4	Distinct topographical or geological features (least impact scores most)	2				
5	Single land parcel	1	Yes	Yes		Yes
6	Clear access to courthouse from public roads and parking	3				
7	Impression of site for courthouse	3	Possible	Possible	Not suitable	Possible?
8	Suitability of site for expansion	3				
9	Natural environmental impacts (least impact scores most)	3				
10	Security risks (least impact scores most)	3				
11	Environmental hazards (least impact scores most)	3				
12	Potential site development costs (least impact scores most)	2				
14	Availability for purchase	3	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
C	Proximity to public utilities					
1	3-Phase electrical service	3				
2	Sanitary sewer service					
		2	Yes	Yes	No	6,000 feet away
3	Storm water	1				
4	Natural gas	3				
5	Telecommunications (fiber)	2				
6	Domestic and fire protection water service	3	Yes	Yes	No	6,000 feet away
D	RECOMMEND FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION		NO	POSSIBLE	NO	NO

Source: ME Department of Public Safety Website

York County			January-December 2014									
Contributing Agency	Estimated Population	Crime Rate	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny	MV Theft	Arson	Total Index Crimes	Clearance Rate
York SO	—	—	—	—	3	14	144	228	19	—	408	29.4
Blddeford	21,304	46.33	2	17	15	70	111	754	16	2	987	41.8
Kittery	9,599	15.83	—	—	—	—	6	138	8	—	152	23.7
Old Orchard Beach	8,705	23.89	—	6	2	—	36	157	6	—	208	14.4
Saco	18,974	22.08	4	10	7	17	66	292	20	3	419	29.4
Sanford	20,848	39.24	—	23	13	41	130	582	23	6	818	25.7
Berwick	7,502	15.46	—	3	—	4	35	68	4	2	116	43.1
Ellot	6,257	3.52	—	—	—	2	5	13	—	2	22	31.8
Kennebunk	11,095	7.03	—	—	—	5	18	52	2	—	78	20.5
Kennebunkport	3,552	8.43	—	—	—	1	1	28	—	—	30	30.0
North Berwick	4,630	7.34	—	—	—	3	11	17	2	—	34	41.2
Ogunquit	911	35.13	—	—	—	2	3	26	1	—	32	15.6
South Berwick	7,305	9.99	—	4	—	5	16	48	—	—	73	24.7
Wells	9,930	13.49	—	4	—	3	54	69	4	—	134	19.4
York	12,736	17.27	—	2	—	3	84	128	3	—	220	12.7
Buxton	8,096	16.06	—	2	3	4	27	85	9	—	130	21.5
York MDEA	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	100.0
York SP	—	—	—	—	1	10	92	87	9	—	199	32.7
York County Totals	200,223	20.28	6	73	44	185	839	2,773	126	15	4,061	29.5
Total Urban Areas	151,444	22.80	6	73	40	161	603	2,457	98	15	3,453	29.3
Total Rural Areas	48,779	12.14	—	—	4	24	236	316	28	—	607	30.5

York County			January-December 2015									
Contributing Agency	Estimated Population	Crime Rate	Murder	Rape	Robbery	Aggravated Assault	Burglary	Larceny	M/V Theft	Arson	Total Index Crimes	Clearance Rate
York SO	—	—	—	2	2	19	115	232	5	—	375	28.8
Bllddeford	21,355	52.40	—	14	26	63	131	866	15	4	1,119	44.8
Kittery	9,689	13.62	—	1	2	7	11	110	—	1	132	34.8
Old Orchard Beach	8,790	32.65	—	3	2	12	43	211	12	4	287	8.4
Saco	19,146	22.51	1	7	7	13	53	332	17	1	431	23.—
Sanford	20,936	37.11	—	14	8	27	113	583	27	5	777	25.2
Berwick	7,552	14.70	—	1	1	2	38	63	4	2	111	44.—
Elliot	6,322	3.48	—	2	—	2	5	13	—	—	22	22.7
Kennebunk	11,185	7.24	—	—	—	4	13	62	2	—	81	27.2
Kennebunkport	3,571	10.36	—	1	—	3	3	28	2	—	37	18.9
North Berwick	4,668	9.85	—	—	—	1	20	23	1	1	46	32.6
Ogunquit	917	33.81	—	—	—	2	4	25	—	—	31	19.4
South Berwick	7,340	7.63	—	1	1	10	12	31	1	—	56	25.—
Wells	10,118	11.66	—	2	2	3	42	64	5	—	118	23.7
York	12,870	12.28	—	2	1	4	23	122	6	—	158	14.6
Buxton	8,169	12.49	—	3	2	6	19	64	7	1	102	35.3
York SP	—	—	—	—	1	17	68	82	9	—	177	31.6
York County Totals	201,370	20.16	1	53	55	195	713	2,911	113	19	4,060	30.4
Total Urban Areas	152,628	22.98	1	51	52	159	530	2,597	99	19	3,508	30.5
Total Rural Areas	48,742	11.32	—	2	3	36	183	314	14	—	552	29.7



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Jail Transport Activity by Court

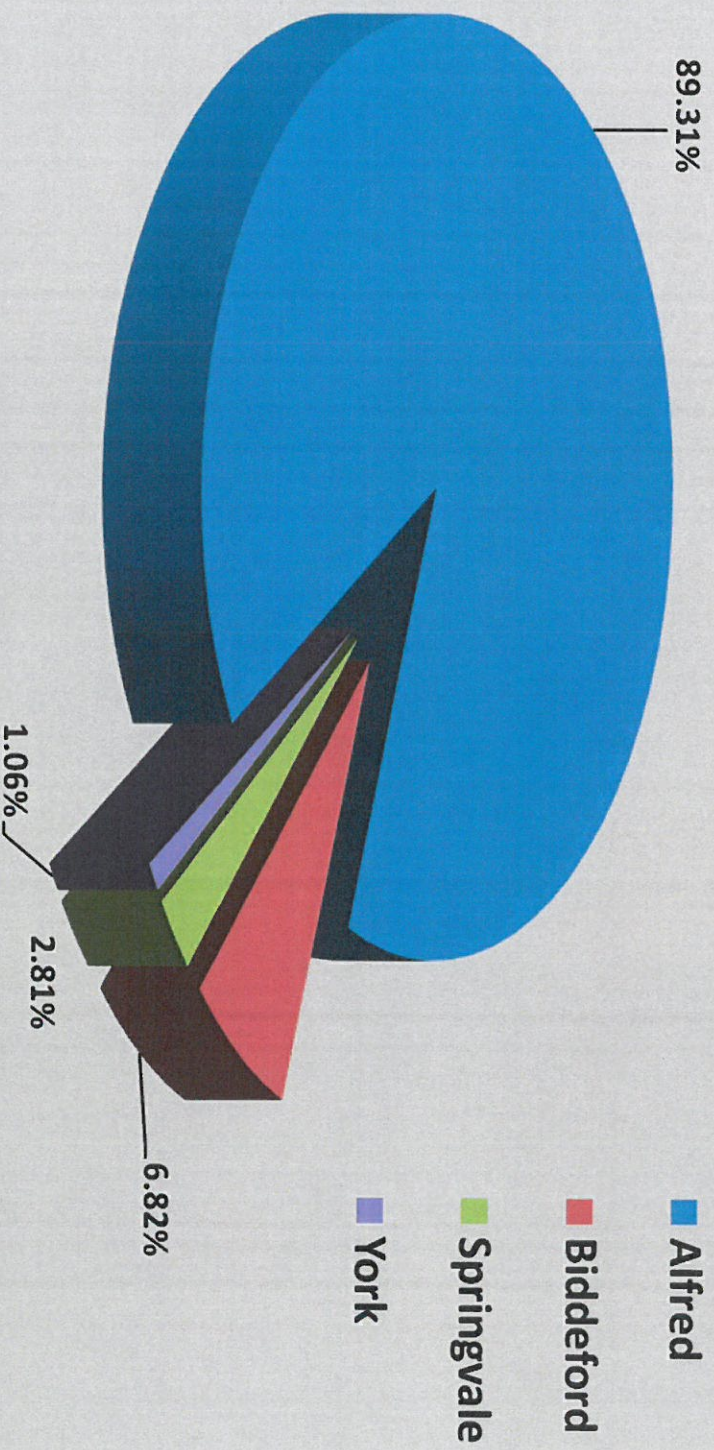
December 2015 through September 27, 2016

	Court Days	Inmates Transported	Percent of Total In-Custody Transports
Alfred	234	1,428	89.31%
Biddeford	70	109	6.82%
Springvale	30	45	2.81%
York	13	17	1.06%
Totals	347	1,599	100%

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YORK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Percent of In-Custody Transports by Court
December 2015 through September 2016



REGION 1

Region 1 includes York Superior Court, York Unified Criminal Docket, Biddeford, Springvale, and York District Courts.

	<u>FY'12</u>	<u>FY'13</u>	<u>FY'14</u>	<u>FY'15</u>	<u>FY'16</u>
REGION 1 TOTAL	21,758	20,911	20,773	19,514	17,818
CRIMINAL TOTAL	9,631	9,881	10,085	9,827	8,360
New Criminal Case Filings	9,142	9,344	9,467	9,149	7,647
Probation Violations	489	537	618	678	713
CIVIL TOTAL	5,610	4,708	4,270	3,874	3,717
<i>Personal Injury Tort</i>	117	114	95	107	128
<i>Non-Personal Injury Tort</i>	22	21	16	25	22
<i>Contract</i>	1,008	799	649	493	543
<i>Declaratory/Equitable Relief</i>	23	31	30	24	65
<i>Constitutional/Civil Rights</i>	16	6	14	9	13
<i>Statutory Actions</i>	15	18	15	49	20
<i>Contempt</i>	0	1	0	1	20
<i>General/Misc. Civil</i>	97	84	96	103	105
<i>Title Actions</i>	11	11	11	13	23
<i>Foreclosure</i>	782	766	825	230	382
<i>Trespass</i>	3	1	1	5	2
<i>Misc. Real Estate</i>	35	45	33	54	58
<i>80B/80C Appeals (SC)</i>	30	35	31	29	29
<i>Other Civil Appeals (SC)</i>	23	12	13	5	19
<i>Administrative (DC)</i>	0	3	0	0	0
<i>Money Judgments (DC)</i>	611	489	358	287	169
<i>Small Claims (DC)</i>	2,024	1,422	1,241	1,465	1,340
<i>Forcible Entry (eviction) (DC)</i>	793	850	842	975	779
FAMILY TOTAL	3,871	3,831	3,759	3,373	3,222
Divorce with Children	466	472	380	389	394
Divorce without Children	463	445	486	418	460
Paternity/Parent Rights	275	279	295	261	250
Other Family Matters	79	71	69	62	50
Post-Judgment Family Motions	999	1,011	1,042	991	860
Child Protective	117	131	115	132	130
Juvenile	605	524	525	395	254
Protection From Abuse	867	898	847	725	824
OTHER	2,646	2,491	2,659	2,440	2,519
Mental Health (MH) (MH)	28	43	52	70	69
Protection From Harassment	728	555	515	476	496
Civil Violations	1,890	1,893	2,092	1,894	1,954

REGION 1	FY'12	FY'13	FY'14	FY'15	FY'16
YORK SUPERIOR COURT TOTAL	3,773	4,030	4,051	4,078	1,182
CRIMINAL TOTAL	3,182	3,478	3,600	3,651	661
New Criminal Case Filings	2,747	2,974	3,018	2,998	0
Probation Violations	435	504	582	653	661
CIVIL TOTAL	591	552	451	427	521
<i>Personal Injury Tort (SC)</i>	110	112	89	102	122
<i>Non-Personal Injury Tort (SC)</i>	16	20	11	19	15
<i>Contract (SC)</i>	54	72	48	40	44
<i>Declaratory/Equitable Relief (SC)</i>	22	28	26	22	46
<i>Constitutional/Civil Rights (SC)</i>	16	6	14	9	13
<i>Statutory Actions (SC)</i>	13	17	14	16	18
<i>Contempt (SC)</i>	0	1	0	1	19
<i>General/Misc. Civil (SC)</i>	58	39	37	50	56
<i>Title Actions (SC)</i>	8	9	11	9	13
<i>Foreclosure (SC)</i>	216	167	133	78	85
<i>Trespass (SC)</i>	2	1	1	4	2
<i>Misc. Real Estate (SC)</i>	23	33	23	43	40
<i>80B/80C Appeals (SC)</i>	30	35	31	29	29
<i>Other Civil Appeals (SC)</i>	23	12	13	5	19
REGION 2	FY'12	FY'13	FY'14	FY'15	FY'16
YORK UNIFIED CRIMINAL DOCKET TOTAL	0	0	0	0	9,645
Implementation date: 7/1/15					
CRIMINAL TOTAL	0	0	0	0	7,691
New Criminal Case Filings	0	0	0	0	7,647
Probation Violations	0	0	0	0	44
CIVIL VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0	1,954

REGION 1	FY'12	FY'13	FY'14	FY'15	FY'16
BIDDEFORD DISTRICT COURT TOTAL	8,681	7,909	8,118	7,611	3,271
CRIMINAL TOTAL	3,363	3,047	3,199	3,096	3
New Criminal Case Filings	3,332	3,031	3,170	3,081	0
Probation Violations	31	16	29	15	3
CIVIL TOTAL	2,179	1,836	1,716	1,631	1,553
<i>Personal Injury Tort (DC)</i>	6	1	2	2	4
<i>Non-Personal Injury Tort (DC)</i>	5	1	2	4	6
<i>Contract (DC)</i>	364	299	264	172	244
<i>Declaratory/Equitable Relief (DC)</i>	0	1	1	1	5
<i>Constitutional/Civil Rights (DC)</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Statutory Actions (DC)</i>	2	1	0	14	2
<i>Contempt (DC)</i>	0	0	0	0	1
<i>General/Misc. Civil (DC)</i>	15	21	26	24	17
<i>Title Actions (DC)</i>	1	1	0	1	3
<i>Foreclosure (DC)</i>	187	199	248	47	115
<i>Trespass (DC)</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Misc. Real Estate (DC)</i>	5	7	6	5	13
<i>Administrative (DC)</i>	0	3	0	0	0
<i>Money Judgments (DC)</i>	276	205	143	124	76
<i>Small Claims (DC)</i>	896	662	561	698	621
<i>Forcible Entry (eviction) (DC)</i>	422	435	463	539	446
FAMILY TOTAL	1,768	1,735	1,762	1,529	1,428
Divorce with Children	201	192	158	164	154
Divorce without Children	188	197	218	183	208
Paternity/Parent Rights	120	102	132	111	107
Other Family Matters	31	31	23	24	23
Post-Judgment Family Motions	419	410	440	413	342
Child Protective	58	76	81	75	55
Juvenile	322	303	293	204	144
Protection From Abuse	429	424	417	355	395
OTHER	1,371	1,291	1,441	1,355	287
Mental Health (MH) (MH)	28	43	52	70	69
Protection From Harassment	327	194	238	234	218
Civil Violations	1,016	1,054	1,151	1,051	0

REGION 1	FY'12	FY'13	FY'14	FY'15	FY'16
SPRINGVALE DISTRICT COURT TOTAL	5,614	5,443	5,251	4,822	2,639
CRIMINAL TOTAL	1,534	1,680	1,736	1,737	4
New Criminal Case Filings	1,515	1,665	1,729	1,727	0
Probation Violations	19	15	7	10	4
CIVIL TOTAL	1,840	1,586	1,450	1,237	1,152
<i>Personal Injury Tort (DC)</i>	1	1	3	1	1
<i>Non-Personal Injury Tort (DC)</i>	0	0	0	2	0
<i>Contract (DC)</i>	369	279	218	188	189
<i>Declaratory/Equitable Relief (DC)</i>	1	1	2	1	14
<i>Constitutional/Civil Rights (DC)</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Statutory Actions (DC)</i>	0	0	0	15	0
<i>Contempt (DC)</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>General/Misc. Civil (DC)</i>	12	13	19	20	12
<i>Title Actions (DC)</i>	0	0	0	1	4
<i>Foreclosure (DC)</i>	247	295	338	80	144
<i>Trespass (DC)</i>	1	0	0	1	0
<i>Misc. Real Estate (DC)</i>	5	1	0	5	3
<i>Administrative (DC)</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Money Judgments (DC)</i>	202	174	110	104	68
<i>Small Claims (DC)</i>	736	502	456	474	473
<i>Forcible Entry (eviction) (DC)</i>	266	320	304	345	244
FAMILY TOTAL	1,560	1,546	1,405	1,270	1,259
Divorce with Children	195	191	136	146	151
Divorce without Children	188	159	163	145	164
Paternity/Parent Rights	125	149	135	123	116
Other Family Matters	32	27	30	28	14
Post-Judgment Family Motions	402	435	448	385	355
Child Protective	53	46	28	51	64
Juvenile	231	175	180	132	85
Protection From Abuse	334	364	285	260	310
OTHER	680	631	660	578	224
Mental Health (MH) (MH)	0	0	0	0	0
Protection From Harassment	287	297	203	155	224
Civil Violations	393	334	457	423	0

REGION 1	FY'12	FY'13	FY'14	FY'15	FY'16
YORK DISTRICT COURT TOTAL	3,690	3,529	3,353	3,003	1,081
CRIMINAL TOTAL	1,552	1,676	1,550	1,343	1
New Criminal Case Filings	1,548	1,674	1,550	1,343	0
Probation Violations	4	2	0	0	1
CIVIL TOTAL	1,000	734	653	579	491
<i>Personal Injury Tort (DC)</i>	0	0	1	2	1
<i>Non-Personal Injury Tort (DC)</i>	1	0	3	0	1
<i>Contract (DC)</i>	221	149	119	93	66
<i>Declaratory/Equitable Relief (DC)</i>	0	1	1	0	0
<i>Constitutional/Civil Rights (DC)</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Statutory Actions (DC)</i>	0	0	1	4	0
<i>Contempt (DC)</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>General/Misc. Civil (DC)</i>	12	11	14	9	20
<i>Title Actions (DC)</i>	2	1	0	2	3
<i>Foreclosure (DC)</i>	132	105	106	25	38
<i>Trespass (DC)</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Misc. Real Estate (DC)</i>	2	4	4	1	2
<i>Administrative (DC)</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<i>Money Judgments (DC)</i>	133	110	105	59	25
<i>Small Claims (DC)</i>	392	258	224	293	246
<i>Forcible Entry (eviction) (DC)</i>	105	95	75	91	89
FAMILY TOTAL	543	550	592	574	535
Divorce with Children	70	89	86	79	89
Divorce without Children	87	89	105	90	88
Paternity/Parent Rights	30	28	28	27	27
Other Family Matters	16	13	16	10	13
Post-Judgment Family Motions	178	166	154	193	163
Child Protective	6	9	6	6	11
Juvenile	52	46	52	59	25
Protection From Abuse	104	110	145	110	119
OTHER	595	569	558	507	54
Mental Health (MH) (MH)	0	0	0	0	0
Protection From Harassment	114	64	74	87	54
Civil Violations	481	505	484	420	0

**YORK COUNTY COURTHOUSE SITE SELECTION COMMISSION
EVALUATION WORKSHEET**

11/3/16

		Importance	Rating	Score	Property 2
		3 Most 1 Least	3 Most 0 None		Layman Way and Route 4, Alfred (adjacent York County Jail)
A	Location				
1	Accessibility to major roads	2			On Route 4, 1.5 miles south of Route 111
2	Accessibility to I-95	3			12.7 miles to Biddeford, or Kennebunk Exchange
3	Requirements for offsite improvements (least impact scores most)	1			Must purchase adjacent property (ies) for entrance off Route 4. Possible improvements to Route 4 such as traffic light or turn lane may be required. Possible need to replace 1,200 LF of 8" water line with 12" for \$150,000.
4	Availability to public transportation	1			No scheduled service.
5	Compatible with existing zoning	3			Yes
6	Courthouse use consistent with master plan	3			Yes
7	Proximity to Jail	2			Adjacent to Jail
8	Proximity to geographic center of County	1			1.8 miles
9	Proximity to population center of the County	1			6.9 miles
10	Fiscal impact on County (least impact scores most)	2			See York County Budget Committee letter of September 26, 2016.
B	Site Characteristics and Development				
1	Sufficient land (approximately 7 buildable acres) to accommodate the building floor plate (approximately 30,000 SF) and parking (300 spaces)	3			Yes
2	Impact of parking and traffic on adjacent neighborhood (least impact scores most)	3			None known
3	Easements or rights of way (least impact scores most)	2			None known
4	Distinct topographical or geological features (least impact scores most)	2			Moderate changes in topography, adjacent wetlands.
5	Single land parcel	1			Must purchase adjacent property (ies)
6	Clear access to courthouse from public roads and parking	3			Must purchase adjacent property (ies) for entrance off Route 4.
7	Impression of site for courthouse	3			Immediately adjacent to County Jail. Mixed use neighborhood.
8	Suitability of site for expansion	3			Yes
9	Natural environmental impacts (least impact scores most)	3			None known
10	Security risks (least impact scores most)	3			Adjacent to County Jail and County Sheriff
11	Environmental hazards (least impact scores most)	3			None known
12	Potential site development costs (least impact scores most)	2			See Items A3, C2, and C6 totaling approximately \$400,000.
13	Purchase price of site (least impact most)	2			\$400,000 assessed value of adjacent property.
14	Availability for purchase	3			Availability of adjacent property (ies) is unknown
C	Proximity to public utilities				Within 500 Feet
1	3-Phase electrical service	3			Yes
2	Sanitary sewer service	2			Public sewer not available. New septic system will be required costing approximately \$150,000.
3	Storm water	1			No
4	Natural gas	3			No
5	Telecommunications (fiber)	2			Yes
6	Domestic and fire protection water service	3			Public water is available, and adequate for a sprinkler system, but inadequate for a standpipe system for a 4-5 story building. Cost for 80,000 gallon cistern (underground storage tank) and increased size fire pump will be approximately \$100,000.
D	TOTALS				

(Scoring Formula: Importance x Rating = Score)

York County Evaluation Worksheet 11-3-16.xlsx

**YORK COUNTY COURTHOUSE SITE SELECTION COMMISSION
EVALUATION WORKSHEET**

11/3/16

		Importance	Rating	Score	Property 15
		3 Most 1 Least	3 Most 0 None		511-515 Elm Street, Biddeford
A	Location				
1	Accessibility to major roads	2			On Route 1
2	Accessibility to I-95	3			1.3 miles to Biddeford Exchange
3	Requirements for offsite improvements (least impact scores most)	1			None known
4	Availability to public transportation	1			Current closest scheduled bus stop is 5 Corners.
5	Compatible with existing zoning	3			Yes
6	Courthouse use consistent with master plan	3			Yes
7	Proximity to Jail	2			13.9 miles
8	Proximity to geographic center of County	1			12.3 miles
9	Proximity to population center of the County	1			12.4 miles
10	Fiscal impact on County (least impact scores most)	2			See York County Budget Committee letter of September 26, 2016.
B	Site Characteristics and Development				
1	Sufficient land (approximately 7 buildable acres) to accommodate the building floor plate (approximately 30,000 SF) and parking (300 spaces)	3			Yes
2	Impact of parking and traffic on adjacent neighborhood (least impact scores most)	3			None known
3	Easements or rights of way (least impact scores most)	2			None known
4	Distinct topographical or geological features (least impact scores most)	2			Level terrain - no known rock outcroppings or boulders
5	Single land parcel	1			Yes
6	Clear access to courthouse from public roads and parking	3			Yes
7	Impression of site for courthouse	3			Mixed use neighborhood
8	Suitability of site for expansion	3			Yes
9	Natural environmental impacts (least impact scores most)	3			None known
10	Security risks (least impact scores most)	3			None known
11	Environmental hazards (least impact scores most)	3			None known
12	Potential site development costs (least impact scores most)	2			Nothing out of the ordinary
13	Purchase price of site (least impact most)	2			\$650,000
14	Availability for purchase	3			Yes
C	Proximity to public utilities				Within 500 Feet
1	3-Phase electrical service	3			Yes
2	Sanitary sewer service	2			Yes
3	Storm water	1			Yes
4	Natural gas	3			800 feet east to Hill Street
5	Telecommunications (fiber)	2			Yes
6	Domestic and fire protection water service	3			Yes
D	TOTALS				

**YORK COUNTY COURTHOUSE SITE SELECTION COMMISSION
EVALUATION WORKSHEET**

11/3/16

		Importance	Rating	Score	Property 17
		3 Most 1 Least	3 Most 0 None		60 Barra Road, Biddeford
A	Location				
1	Accessibility to major roads	2			.6 mile off Route 111
2	Accessibility to I-95	3			1.1 miles to Biddeford Exchange
3	Requirements for offsite improvements (least impact scores most)	1			Unlikely
4	Availability to public transportation	1			Scheduled service between Biddeford, Old Orchard Beach, and Saco
5	Compatible with existing zoning	3			Yes
6	Courthouse use consistent with master plan	3			Yes
7	Proximity to Jail	2			13.7 miles
8	Proximity to geographic center of County	1			12.2 miles
9	Proximity to population center of the County	1			12.3 miles
10	Fiscal impact on County (least impact scores most)	2			See York County Budget Committee letter of September 26, 2016.
B	Site Characteristics and Development				
1	Sufficient land (approximately 7 buildable acres) to accommodate the building floor plate (approximately 30,000 SF) and parking (300 spaces)	3			Yes
2	Impact of parking and traffic on adjacent neighborhood (least impact scores most)	3			None known
3	Easements or rights of way (least impact scores most)	2			None known
4	Distinct topographical or geological features (least impact scores most)	2			Moderate changes in topography. Ledge is present on site.
5	Single land parcel	1			Yes
6	Clear access to courthouse from public roads and parking	3			Yes
7	Impression of site for courthouse	3			Business and professional neighborhood
8	Suitability of site for expansion	3			Yes
9	Natural environmental impacts (least impact scores most)	3			None known.
10	Security risks (least impact scores most)	3			None known
11	Environmental hazards (least impact scores most)	3			None known.
12	Potential site development costs (least impact scores most)	2			Depending on site design and building location, additional cost for blasting may, or may not be necessary depending on balance of cut and fill, or timing of construction.
13	Purchase price of site (least impact most)	2			\$580,000
14	Availability for purchase	3			Yes
C	Proximity to public utilities				Within 500 Feet
1	3-Phase electrical service	3			Yes
2	Sanitary sewer service	2			Yes
3	Storm water	1			Yes
4	Natural gas	3			Yes
5	Telecommunications (fiber)	2			Yes
6	Domestic and fire protection water service	3			Yes
D	TOTALS				

(Scoring Formula: Importance x Rating = Score)

York County Site Selection Commission

Meeting Minutes for August 1, 2016

Present: Assoc. Justice Thomas E. Humphrey, Kathryn Slattery, D.A., Sheriff William L. King, Jr., Thomas Dunham, Senator Ron Collins, Senator Linda Valentino, Representative Robert A. Foley, Representative Anne-Marie Mastraccio, York County Commissioner Gary Sinden, Justice Wayne Douglas, Judge Jeffrey Moskowitz, Kathy Jones, Ken Marass, Esq., Amy Fairfield, Esq., Chief Jo-Ann Putnam, Sherry Edwards, James T. Glessner, Mary Ann Lynch, Philip Johnston

Next meeting: September 1, 2016, 3:00 p.m., York County Superior Court- Library

The Chair, Justice Humphrey, opened the meeting, welcomed the commission and introduced its members to the public attendees. He noted that the mission of the commission is to establish procedures and select an appropriate site for a York County courthouse. Although the statute creating the Commission establishes a deadline of January 1, 2017, for reaching this goal, the Chair urged the commission to attempt to complete its work by November 2016.

The Chair also discussed the issue of conflict of interest and indicated that members should disclose any possible conflicts of interest in the course of the work and not participate in discussion or vote on a matter if they have a conflict of interest.

The Chair introduced Mary Ann Lynch, who is the Government and Media Counsel for the Judicial Branch, and Philip Johnston, who is an architect-consultant hired by the Judicial Branch. Mr. Johnston has worked on several previous court projects for the Judicial Branch as the owner's representative. Together, Ms. Lynch and Mr. Johnson provided a PowerPoint presentation to the commission drawn from an earlier presentation prepared for the York County Courthouse Advisory Committee. The PowerPoint contained summaries of York County case filing information and population data.

Mr. Johnston also provided the Commission with a draft worksheet of proposed criteria for evaluating properties. He stated that the criteria were intended as a guide to assist the Commission with its decision-making—

they are not binding requirements. Criteria included, among other things, Location, Site Characteristics, and Proximity to Public Utilities. After discussion, an additional criteria was added to the worksheet to include the "Fiscal Impact to the County, including the DA". It was unanimously voted to accept and use the worksheet criteria as proposed by Mr. Johnson.

Prior to the first meeting, the Administrative Office of the Judicial Branch published a request in local newspapers for information regarding available York County properties that might be suitable for a courthouse. As of this meeting, four responses have been received.

There was a discussion regarding the need to identify more sites for consideration. The Commission unanimously voted to create a sub-committee to research available land that might fit the commission's requirements. Senator Linda Valentino, Representative Anne-Marie Mastraccio, Ted Glessner and Thomas Dunham volunteered and were appointed to serve on the subcommittee. Among other things, they were tasked with identifying a larger list of possible properties for the Commission to consider.

The Commission also unanimously voted to set aside time at the end of each meeting to allow public comment.

Dates and locations of future meetings were discussed, and the commission agreed to meet on the following dates:

Thursday, 9/2

Monday, 9/19

Monday, 10/3

Monday, 10/31

Friday, 11/4 (if necessary)

All meetings will be held at the York County Superior Courthouse, in the library at 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise changed.

Following the public comment period, the meeting was adjourned.

York County Courthouse Site Selection Commission

Meeting Minutes for October 3, 2016

Present: Assoc. Justice Thomas E. Humphrey, Kathryn Slattery, D.A., Sheriff William L. King, Jr., Thomas Dunham, Senator Ron Collins, Senator Linda Valentino, Representative Robert A. Foley, Representative Anne-Marie Mastraccio, York County Commissioner Gary Sinden, Justice Wayne Douglas, Judge Jeffrey Moskowitz, Kathy Jones, Ken Marass, Esq., Amy Fairfield, Esq., John Webb, Esq., Chief Jo-Ann Putnam, James T. Glessner, Mary Ann Lynch, Jeff Henthorn, Philip Johnston, Dave Lavway

Next

Meeting: Wednesday, October 12, 2016, 1:00 p.m., meet at parking lot of the York County Jail

The Chair welcomed the Commission members, who introduced themselves to the attending public. The Chair also reviewed action taken at the last meeting, which included a tour of sites selected by the Commission from the list of available properties.

The Chair also acknowledged receipt of correspondence from the County Commissioners and County Budget Advisory Committee, which was distributed to all members, regarding the site selection process and potential impacts on the County's budget.

Ted Glessner reported on the activities of the Commission's site review subcommittee. As requested, the subcommittee gathered information about sites #2 (Alfred), #15 (Biddeford) and #24 (Biddeford).

As to site #15, the subcommittee reported that it met with the Mayor of Biddeford and the City's development director. The mayor subsequently confirmed that the City had purchased site #15 in an arms-length transaction and, in any sale of the property, it would like to recoup its acquisition and improvement costs, which it estimated to be \$650,000. Other information the subcommittee received was that (1) Natural Gas is available and a hookup location is about two blocks away from #15, and (2) the City government has the power to sell the property, without referendum.

As to site #2, which is in Alfred adjacent to the County jail, the subcommittee was informed that it is accessible to the Sanford Sewer District's system and a potential hook up is "not too far" away. The subcommittee was also informed that two residential properties adjoining site #2 on Route 4 are assessed at \$165,000 and \$170,000, respectively.

As to site # 24, which is owed by a church, the property is actually in a slightly different location than had been viewed by the Commission during its site tour. The subcommittee returned to the property for another view with the church's officials. The parcel is very large and a sale of a smaller parcel is feasible. The purchase price and the size of the lot to be purchased is negotiable. However, realistically, the purchase price may be in the vicinity of \$1.2 million and, in addition, it would likely cost approximately \$1.5 million for traffic improvements along Route 111. Based on these factors, the subcommittee agreed that it was reasonable under the circumstances to expand their site tour to include additional sites that were not on the Commission's short list. Those sites were #3, which was comprised of two separate parcels on Route 109 in Wells and one additional Biddeford site, #17 on Barra Road.

The Committee confirmed that the additional Wells sites were not suitable—one was too small for a courthouse facility and the other appeared to contain wetland areas. However, the subcommittee was unanimous in its good impression of site #17 at Barra Road and recommended that the Commission add it to the short list of properties under consideration.

Representative Foley moved, and Tom Dunham seconded, that the Commission receive more information about site #17. After some discussion, the motion unanimously passed. The subcommittee then gave the Commission more information in a handout about the Barra Road property, which is part of a professional business development off Route 111. There are several sites in the development to choose from, identified on a plan as 2-42-1, 2-43-1, & 15. All appear to be suitable for a courthouse facility.

Discussion returned to site #2 in Alfred. Commission members asked the subcommittee if certain abutters on Route 4 might be willing to sell their property in order to give a courthouse facility frontage on that road.

Representative Foley then moved, and Sheriff King seconded, to add Barra Road to the "short list" and remove #15 and #24 from the list. After some discussion the motion was withdrawn and Rep. Foley made a new motion that the Commission focus its considerations on three sites: #2 (Route 4, Alfred), # 15 (511-515 Elm St, Biddeford) and #17 (Barra Road, Biddeford), and, further, to not foreclose review of any other appropriate sites that the Commission may decide to consider, until a final site selection is made. The motion unanimously passed.

The Commission then unanimously voted to take another onsite tour of sites #2, #15 and #17 with the owners or owner reps of each site. The tour will be on October 12, 2016, and begin at 1:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the County Jail facility. In advance of the tour, Ted Glessner and Phil Johnston will contact the property owners or owner reps to obtain as much additional information as possible about each of the three sites in order to have detailed discussions at each site about the properties under consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

York County Courthouse Site Selection Commission

Meeting Minutes For November 4, 2016

Present: Assoc. Justice Thomas E. Humphrey, Kathryn Slattery, D.A., Sheriff William L. King, Jr. (by Skype & telephone), Senator Linda Valentino, Representative Anne-Marie Mastraccio, Rep. Robert Foley, Justice Wayne Douglas, Judge Jeffrey Moskowitz, John Webb, Esq., James T. Glessner, Tom Dunham, Senator Ron Collins, Commissioner Gary Sinden, Kathy Jones, Ken Marass, Esq., Amy Fairfield, Esq., Chief Jo-Ann Putnam, David Lavway, Sherry Edwards, Jeff Henthorn, Mary Ann Lynch, Phil Johnston

After the Commissioners introduced themselves, Senator Valentino made a motion to accept the draft minutes from October 31, 2016, seconded by Rep. Mastraccio. The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted unanimously.

After introductory comments by Justice Humphrey in which he thanked the members of the Commission for their diligent and professional work in identifying and evaluating potential sites throughout York County, the Commissioners each described his or her assessment and preferences regarding the 3 remaining parcels under consideration

Kathy Jones expressed concern about accessibility for the majority of the court users and favored Elm Street, Barra Road and Alfred, in that order, but indicated that either Biddeford property was acceptable to her.

Sherry Edwards said she was also concerned about the litigants' access to the new courthouse. She said that the litigants in the western and northern parts of the County already have a car, or access to a car, while many people from Biddeford and Saco do not, and are dependent on public transportation. She favored Barra Road, Elm Street and Alfred, in that order, but could live with either Biddeford location.

Judge Moskowitz expressed a high regard for the existing courthouse in Alfred. However, putting his personal feelings aside, he felt that a courthouse needs to be highly accessible and visible to the community. The

Elm Street property is visible, Barra Road is not, and Alfred even less so. He was also concerned that Barra Road was a dead-end street, with only one way in and out. That presents both a safety and a traffic concern. He felt that Elm Street and Barra Road were both very close, while Alfred was a distant third. His order of preference: Elm Street, Barra Road and then Alfred.

Representative Foley felt that, based on the criteria worksheet, the Biddeford properties were close. However, he favors Alfred. Wells is the second largest taxpayer to the county. Locating the courthouse in Alfred would give Alfred an economic boost. His order of preference: Alfred, Elm Street and then Barra Road.

County Commissioner Sinden first noted items on the evaluation worksheet that he felt were incorrect: property adjacent to the jail property does not need to be purchased; the subject property can be accessed from Layman Drive; the purchase price is zero; there is “probable” bus service for that area in the future; and propane is a natural gas. His order of preference is: Alfred, Elm Street then Barra Road.

Tom Dunham is a real estate professional and in his judgment Barra Road is the best site because it is in a growth area and will enhance the economic development of the area. He believes the access to Barra Road is excellent. His order of preference is: Barra Road, Elm Street, and then Alfred.

Representative Mastraccio lives in Sanford and she reports that her constituents trust the Commission to choose the best site. In her view, the county’s growth is along the coast and conditions on Routes 4, 109 & 111 will remain the same for some time. She scored the choices 4 times on her worksheet, and each time Alfred was last. Her order of preference is: Barra Road, Elm Street then Alfred.

Senator Collins stated that the ultimate decision should be guided by common sense. Alfred is the geographic center of the County, and it is the County seat. Therefore, he believes the new courthouse should be located in Alfred. The County demonstrated to the Commission how attractive an

entrance on Route 4 could be. He is concerned Barra Road is a one-way street. His order of preference is: Alfred, Elm Street and then Barra Road.

Ted Glessner is a nonvoting member of the Commission. He does not understand the increased cost estimates the County believes it will incur if the courthouse is not located in Alfred. The new courthouse, wherever located, will be safer and not require additional transportation staff for the County. The real issue is public access. The majority of court filings are civil (53%). Thus, from the standpoint of court filings, the center of the court's workload is not Alfred. In his estimation, the two Biddeford sites rank higher than the Alfred site.

Senator Valentino said that two years ago she would have said Wells or Kennebunk were the ideal locations for a courthouse; however, there are no acceptable sites in those towns. She believes that the Alfred property is not truly free when you add in the infrastructure costs that will be needed. There is no bus transportation. She does feel there could be a second access from Barra. In her view, the two Biddeford properties score close to each other and are much higher than Alfred. Her order of preference is: Barra Road, Elm Street, and then Alfred.

Justice Douglas noted that 200 years ago York County had 40,000 residents and Alfred was chosen so that court would be less than a one-day's horse ride from any part of the County. Today there are approximately 200,000 residents of the County. In addition, in the summer OOB swells to 100,000 people and Wells population is four times larger. A paramount concern is to select a location that is in the public interest—that is, safe, accessible, and visible to the community. In almost every other county in the state, the Superior Courthouse is in the largest municipality in the county. He has polled all the judges who regularly preside in York County and they all want a visible, connected location. Barra Road will never offer the level of visibility and connectivity that Elm Street offers. His order of preference is: Elm Street, Barra Road, and then Alfred.

Chief Putnam observed that when a police officer is in court it is time away from the officer's other responsibilities. She has surveyed the other police chiefs and they prefer a Biddeford location because of accessibility to the turnpike. The hotel on Barra Road also present a benefit if you are involved in a 2 or 3-day trial. The two Biddeford sites are close in her estimation, and she would be happy at either. However, she prefers Barra Road, followed by Elm Street, and then Alfred.

Amy Fairfield, a York County attorney, is on the Commission because she does court appointed work. When she started on the Commission she preferred an Alfred location. However, she feels it is irresponsible to put a building the size of the proposed new courthouse on property that is serviced by a septic system, which is what would happen in Alfred. She said that 85% of her clients want the courthouse to be in Biddeford. She likes Barra Road, but is very concerned, for safety reasons, with the one-way in and out. She described her participation in a murder trial where the size of the jury pool was 250 people. She cannot imagine adding that much traffic at Barra Road. Her order of preference is: Elm Street, then Barra Road, followed by Alfred.

Ken Marass, a York County attorney and President of the York County Bar Association, reports that he has been contacted by a number of attorneys who would prefer to see the courthouse stay in Alfred. He said Route 111 is a nightmare traveling west to east from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. He believes locating the new courthouse in Biddeford will make Route 111 worse, and that the costs to the county will be high. His ranking, based on the worksheet criteria, put Elm Street first, but he believes the court should be located in Alfred, with Elm Street a second choice, and Barra Road last.

Sheriff King stated that the courthouse should be located in Alfred, and he noted that the fastest growing community in the County is Waterboro. He also observed that Route 111 is a nightmare. He does not understand why Barra Road is under consideration because courts are a hard target, and the single entrance there is a safety issue.

Deputy Commissioner Lavway reported that the Governor has a deep-seated desire not to take property off the property tax rolls. The Commission's work has been a good process. He feels that Barra Road and Elm Street are close in his mind and that Alfred is a distant third. His order of preference is: Elm Street, then Barra Road, and then Alfred, last.

District Attorney Slattery said that her office is the single biggest user of the courts and needs to be near the courthouse. She stated that this is more easily accomplished if the courthouse stays in Alfred. Her order of preference is Alfred, then Elm Street, and then Barra Road, last.

John Webb, a York County attorney, feels that the two Biddeford sites are close in priority and the best place to locate the new courthouse. He acknowledged that there is a safety issue with the single access to the Barra Road property. His concern is for his clients and other members of the public who must use the courthouse. He is not concerned about the convenience of lawyers. In his view, Biddeford is the best location for the courthouse.

Justice Humphrey reminded everyone that York County needs a large, single courthouse. While he has a strong affection for the current Alfred Courthouse, it is important for the Commission to look where the court's cases are coming from—not just criminal matters, but high volume civil cases, as well, such as: small claims, evictions, Child Protection case, Protection from Abuse case, divorces and other family matters. Approximately half the caseload originates in Biddeford. He believes Biddeford is the only location that can best meet these needs and, of the two Biddeford sites, he prefers Elm Street, but could accept Barra Road if it was the will of the Commission.

Following full discussion by all of the Commissioners, Senator Valentino moved to locate the courthouse in the municipality of Biddeford, and Representative Mastraccio seconded the motion. Following further discussion, IT WAS VOTED, 12 to 6 in favor, to locate the new York County Courthouse in the municipality of Biddeford (Commissioner Sinden, Sheriff

King, District Attorney Slattery, Representative Foley, Senator Collins and Attorney Marass opposed the motion).

There followed further discussion as to whether a second access road could be created if the courthouse was located on Barra Road. Ted Glessner said he received a drawing showing a possible second access way; however, it was not clear whether that could in fact be accomplished.

Representative Foley then moved to locate the new courthouse on the premises at 511-515 Elm Street, and Commissioner Sinden seconded the motion. Following brief discussion, IT WAS VOTED, unanimously, to select 511-515 Elm St., in the municipality of Biddeford as the site of the new York County Courthouse.

Senator Valentino then made a further motion, seconded by Representative Mastraccio, and following brief discussion, IT WAS RECOMMENDED, unanimously, that the Judicial Branch work with the York County Commissioners and the York County District Attorney's Office to provide office space to the York County District Attorney's Office in the new judicial center at a cost of free or substantially reduced rent for a period of time.

Having concluded its work, the Commission adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

York County Courthouse Site Selection Commission

Meeting Minutes For October 12, 2016

Present: Assoc. Justice Thomas E. Humphrey, Kathryn Slattery, D.A., Sheriff William L. King, Jr., Senator Linda Valentino, Representative Anne-Marie Mastraccio, Justice Wayne Douglas, Judge Jeffrey Moskowitz, John Webb, Esq., James T. Glessner, Tom Dunham, Senator Ron Collins, Commissioner Gary Sinden, Kathy Jones, Ken Marass, Esq., Amy Fairfield, Esq., Chief Jo-Ann Putnam, David Lavway, Jeff Henthorn, Julia Finn, Phil Johnston

Next meeting: Monday, October 31, 2016, 1:00 p.m., at York County Superior Court Library

On October 12, 2016, at 1:00 p.m., the Commission members met at the York County Jail for a bus tour and walk through of the 3 sites previously identified as possible sites for the new county courthouse.

The Commission looked at the following sites identified on the windshield evaluation work sheet: Numbers 2, 15 and 17. At the start of the meeting, the Commission planned to convene for a brief meeting after touring the three properties.

The Commission first walked through Site Number 2, the Layman Way site in Alfred adjacent to the York County Jail. Greg Zinser, the County Manager, provided maps, described the site, and conducted a walking tour taking the Commission around the perimeter of the site.

The next site viewed was Site Number 17, the Barra Road site in Biddeford.

Mike Eon and David Gould who are property owners were in attendance, as was Dan Stevenson, the Economic and Community Development Director for the City of Biddeford. The Commission walked the site, heard information about the site from the owners, and Mr. Stevenson responded to questions pertinent to the City.

The third and final site visited was Site Number 15, on Elm Street in Biddeford. Dan Stevenson was again in attendance, as was Mayor Alan Cassavant. Mr Stevenson described the site, and responded to questions. Although the Commission was on-site, the consensus was that it was possible to simply view the site given that it is for the most part a large clear area.

After all three sites were toured, Assoc. Justice Humphrey cancelled the same-day meeting following the site visits, as several members of the Commission were unable to stay. The site tours will instead be discussed at the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 31.

York County Courthouse Site Selection Commission

Meeting Minutes For October 31, 2016

Present: Assoc. Justice Thomas E. Humphrey, Kathryn Slattery, D.A., Sheriff William L. King, Jr., Senator Linda Valentino, Representative Anne-Marie Mastraccio, Rep. Robert Foley, Justice Wayne Douglas, Judge Jeffrey Moskowitz, John Webb, Esq., James T. Glessner, Tom Dunham, Senator Ron Collins, Commissioner Gary Sinden, Kathy Jones, Ken Marass, Esq., Amy Fairfield, Esq., Chief Jo-Ann Putnam, David Lavway, Sherry Edwards, Jeff Henthorn, Mary Ann Lynch, Phil Johnston

Next meeting: Friday, November 4, 2016, 3:00 p.m., at York County Superior Court Library

The meeting took place in the large courtroom in the York County Courthouse and began with the Commissioners introducing themselves to the public in attendance. Senator Valentino then made a motion, which was seconded by Representative Mastraccio, to accept the minutes from all of the Commission's prior meetings (8-1-16; 9-1-16; 9-19-16; 10-3-16; and 10-12-16). Following discussions, the minutes of all of the previous meetings were unanimously approved without amendment. It is noted that Commissioners Lavway and Webb abstained from the vote only as to the minutes of August 1, 2016, because neither attended that meeting.

The Commission then heard presentations from the each of the three owners or owner's designees regarding the sites that remain under consideration and are designated on the Commission's property list as Sites #2 (Layman Way, Alfred, ME); #15 (511-515 Elm Street, Biddeford, ME); and #17 (60 Barra Road, Biddeford, ME).

1. Site #2. York County Manager Greg Zinser made a presentation regarding Site #2 in Alfred, which is adjacent to the York County Jail facility. Mr. Zinser indicated that this site offered the Judicial Branch a "continued partnership with the County", and noted that the jail, the DA and the Sherriff are all a part of the necessary services that should be located on one campus with the court. He reported that "transit services are in the works to connect Sanford and Biddeford to the

Alfred site.” Mr. Zinser also observed that “we all smelled the jail septic system at the last site visit.” The county had been unaware of the situation and has taken remedial action to repair the problem. He said that it is now a nonissue.

Mr. Zinser said the topography of the property is pretty flat and should only require a “cut & fill” to accommodate a courthouse. He distributed handouts, which depicted a mock-up of optional entrances to the premises from either Layman Way or Route 4. Senator Valentino asked whether adjacent properties on Route 4 are for sale and, if so, their price. Mr. Zinser responded that he felt it was premature to make such an inquiry of the property owners, and that it might be more appropriate for the Judicial Branch to do that.

Senator Valentino also reported that she had been contacted by a former County Commissioner, who indicated a belief that the County had purchased the Layman Road land for use by the county, and that the County could not give it away for a noncounty use. Mr. Zinser was not aware of any such restriction on the property, except a five-year right to harvest, which has since expired, and he is not aware of any other restriction on the use of property or the County Commissioners right to transfer the property to the Judicial Branch.

Attorney Fairfield asked whether there is a right to hook up to water and sewer to service site #2. Mr. Zinser replied in the affirmative as to water, but noted that an existing sewer line is 2 to 3 miles away, so the court would likely need an engineered septic system. Representative Mastraccio asked about the need for a cistern on the premises. Mr. Zinser said that one is not needed for the jail facility, but he could not comment on a courthouse structure of four or five stories and whether it is needed for fire protection. Chief Putnam asked if a natural gas connection is located near site #2. Mr. Zinser said that there is no gas service available to the property and noted that the propane system they use at the jail is fine.

2. Site #15. Biddeford Economic Development Director Daniel Stevenson made a presentation regarding Site #15 on Elm Street in Biddeford, which is owned by the city and approximately 1.3 miles from the Biddeford entrance/exit of the Maine Turnpike. Mr. Stevenson said the lot is 12.8 acres with an additional 15-acre lot in the rear, which could be used for additional road access. The site is 5 acres of open field with the remainder wooded, and no zoning change is required to accommodate a courthouse facility.

He reported that the MDOT did road improvements in recent years and the site is stubbed for water and sewer; however, an on-site storm water collection system would have to be installed. A natural gas line is located one-third to one-half mile away and extension costs could in the range of \$60–\$100 a foot. He also estimated that it would cost \$15,000 to bring high-speed fiber to the site.

Finally, Mr. Stevenson noted that the cities of Biddeford and Saco, combined, have a population of 40,000 people, and the City of Biddeford supports a courthouse at either Biddeford location under consideration—Site #15 (Elm Street) or Site #17 (Barra Road).

3. Site #17. David Gould, a partner in the Barra Road development group, made a presentation regarding Site #17 on Barra Road in Biddeford, and distributed a handout about the property. He said the property is an 11 acres site within a developed campus-like professional business park, and the majority of its occupants are in the medical field. It is proximate to a walking trail with access to the YMCA and the Eastern trail. It is also on a regularly scheduled bus route and there are 8 scheduled bus stops every day. Mr. Gould noted that no zoning change is required for a courthouse facility, and the site is “shovel-ready”; that is, all utilities are on site: water, gas, sewer, fiber and electric, and a new pumping station is ¼ mile away. There is a hotel within the development park ¼ mile away from site #17. As to the topography of the property, there is some hilly areas and ledge; however, Mr. Gould said that on nearby properties ledge

was an asset because it was ground on site and used for fill. The wildlife habitat assessment for the property is complete, and most of the topography has been detailed. The property is and approximately 1.1 miles from the Biddeford entrance/exit of the Maine Turnpike. It is also approximately 300 to 400 yards from the Maine Turnpike, as the crow flies, and is visible from the turnpike.

The Commission then heard from members of the public:

1. Attorney B.J. Broder of Old Orchard Beach, a practicing attorney in York County spoke in support of the Alfred site location. He said that a Biddeford location will be harder to access for the people in rural areas, such as Parsonfield, to get to court. In his view, Alfred is the “more fair” decision. He also noted that the District Attorney’s office should be located within or near the Court; expressed a concern that the plan for 300 parking spaces may be insufficient; but acknowledged that Route 111 “is dreadfully dangerous”.
2. Attorney Harry Center, with ties to Old Orchard Beach and Biddeford, is a practicing attorney in York County and spoke in support of either Biddeford site location. He questioned how anyone could justify putting a courthouse in a location that is “the most inconvenient for the most people”. As to the County’s prisoner transportation costs, he offered that many of the criminal defendants who appear in York County courts only get a transport from the jail at their initial appearance, and that most people in both criminal and civil cases have to travel a good distance to get to Alfred. He also mentioned that a large number of people involved in civil matters—particularly those involving landlord-tenant, small claims, child protective and family cases—will be affected by having to travel to Alfred.
3. Attorney Susan Driscoll, with ties to the areas of Biddeford, Old Orchard Beach, Kennebunk and Saco, is a practicing attorney in York County and also spoke in favor of either Biddeford site location. Attorney Driscoll said that she is a former President of the York County Bar Association, and that her practice takes her to all four York County Courthouses and beyond to Portland and other courthouses in the state. She reported that lawyers she has spoken to all urge that a courthouse not be located

in Alfred. She acknowledged that no location will work for everyone, but the consensus is to locate a courthouse on the turnpike corridor where the majority of the population is. In her view, it does not make sense to make the courthouse location the least accessible for the largest number of people. "The clear choice is to put the courthouse in Biddeford." She concluded that either Biddeford location would be great, and the Barra Road site would be outstanding.

4. Attorney Gene Libby of Kennebunk, is a practicing attorney in York County, a former York County District Attorney and a former member of the York County Budget committee. He spoke in favor of the Alfred site location. Attorney Libby currently serves as attorney for the York County Commissioners, but stated that he is speaking in his private capacity. He said that the clear majority of the court's work involves criminal matters and that locating the new courthouse next to the jail makes sense. In his view, the costs to the County will be staggering if the courthouse is located in either Biddeford location. He noted that Alfred was chosen to be the County's Shiretown a long time ago because it was "equi-distant" to most areas of the County.
5. John Sylvester, of Alfred, was a former Selectman of Alfred. Mr. Sylvester said the courthouse should be located in Alfred because all of the residents of the County, including the Northern and Western areas, have just as much right to equal access to the government. He noted that, when the County was building the current York County Jail, it obtained a grant to finance the installation of a system to bring water to the jail facility, and he suggested that perhaps a grant might also be available to bring water to the courthouse. He also noted that there have been a number of upgrades to route 111 in recent years to facilitate travel to Alfred from Biddeford and other coastal areas.
6. George Donovan, of Alfred, is the current Chairman of the Alfred Board of Selectmen. Chairman Donovan said that the courthouse location issue is really a matter of money, and that locating the courthouse in Biddeford could result in a ½ million a year cost increase to the County's budget. He described his life-long ties to Alfred and noted that his grandfather was among those who worked on the construction of the existing County Courthouse in Alfred.

At the close of the public comment period, the Chair noted the time and indicated that it was too late to begin serious deliberations. It was decided to adjourn to the next scheduled meeting date, Friday, November 4, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. Sherriff King reported that he will be away and unable to attend the meeting in-person; however, he said he could participate by phone. The Chair noted that arrangements will be made for the Sheriff to participate by phone. Before adjourning, Senator Valentino urged that, before the next meeting, all Commissioners take time to complete their individual evaluation worksheets for scoring the site selection criteria for each of the three sites.

The meeting was then adjourned.

York County Courthouse Site Selection Commission

Meeting Minutes for Sept. 1, 2016

Present: Assoc. Justice Thomas E. Humphrey, Kathryn Slattery, D.A., Sheriff William L. King, Jr., Thomas Dunham, Senator Ron Collins, Senator Linda Valentino, Representative Robert A. Foley, Representative Anne-Marie Mastraccio, York County Commissioner Gary Sinden, Justice Wayne Douglas, Judge Jeffrey Moskowitz, Kathy Jones, Ken Marass, Esq., Amy Fairfield, Esq., John Webb, Esq., Chief Jo-Ann Putnam, Sherry Edwards, James T. Glessner, Mary Ann Lynch, Philip Johnston, Ted Scontras, Dave Lavway

Next

meeting: Monday, September 19, 2016, 1:00 p.m., meet at parking lot of the York County Jail

The Chair welcomed the Commission members and the public to the meeting. The members introduced themselves to the public.

The Chair briefly reviewed the Commission's action at the first meeting to appoint of a subcommittee to find and review possible sites for the full Commission's consideration, and called upon Ted Glessner to re-introduced the subcommittee: Rep. Mastraccio, Sen. Valentino and Tom Dunham. The sub-committee reported that its members contacted local commercial developers and brokers and received information regarding 27 possible sites. Each member of the Commission was previously given a notebook containing all the information received about each site. The notebook included a "wind-shield evaluation worksheet" identifying each of the 27 sites, as well as one additional site received after the subcommittee met. Philip Johnston and Ted Scontras, a _____, who together provided "staff" assistance to the sub-committee, visited each site before meeting with the sub-committee. The sub-committee reviewed the documents with Phil Johnston and Ted Scontras and recommended 7 sites for closer consideration by the Commission. Sub-committee member Tom Dunham reported to the Commission that it was the consensus of the sub-committee to adopted that recommendation and, in turn, make that recommendation to the Commission.

Phil Johnston presented a fuller description of these seven to the Commission members, including a map of their location and a description of any unique characteristics. The seven sites are Property #2, Property #4, Property #10, Property #15, Property #16, Property #22, and Property #24, as identified on the windshield evaluation work sheet.

Senator Valentino said that an important consideration for the subcommittee was where people who use the courts come from. Another important consideration was whether the land was already owned by a unit of government (e.g., state, county, local and Maine Turnpike Authority). The sub-committee also reported that the Sanford sites were eliminated in favor of the Alfred "jail" site, and the Saco sites were eliminated because they were not centrally located.

The Commission expressed an interest in receiving the most recent court case filing numbers. Mary Ann Lynch agreed to obtain that information. Rep. Foley inquired whether all the Biddeford properties could be acquired by a warranty deed, and Senator Collins asked if jails are always located next to courthouses. Ted Glessner responded that in recent years, new courthouse construction has, in some cases, eliminated the proximity of courts and jails. And, in other cases, it has been the jails that have moved: Penobscot, Cumberland County and the Three Rivers Jail in the mid-coast are a few examples.

It was the unanimous agreement of the Commission that all of the members visit each of the seven sites as a group on September 19, 2016, the date of the next scheduled meeting. Ted Glessner said the Judicial Branch would hire a bus to bring the members as a group to the seven parcels. It was estimated that it would take no more than five hours. Members were encouraged to dress comfortably and wear good walking shoes.

The Chair thanked the sub-committee for their efforts.

Future Meetings:

Monday, 9/19, **1:00 p.m.** (tour of 7 top sites, meet at York County Jail)

Monday, 10/3

Monday, 10/31

Friday, 11/4 (if necessary)

All meetings will be held at the York County Superior Courthouse at 3:00 p.m., in the library, unless otherwise indicated.

York County Site Selection Commission

Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2016

Present: Assoc. Justice Thomas E. Humphrey, Kathryn Slattery, D.A., Sheriff William L. King, Jr., Thomas Dunham, Senator Ron Collins, Senator Linda Valentino, Representative Robert A. Foley, Representative Anne-Marie Mastraccio, York County Commissioner Gary Sinden, Justice Wayne Douglas, Judge Jeffrey Moskowitz, Kathy Jones, Ken Marass, Esq., Amy Fairfield, Esq., John Webb, Esq., Chief Jo-Ann Putnam, Sherry Edwards, James T. Glessner, Mary Ann Lynch, Philip Johnston, Dave Lavway

Next meeting: October 3, 2016, 3:00 p.m., York County Superior Court- Library

On September 19, 2016, at 1:00 p.m., all of the Commission members met at the York County Jail for a “bus tour” of the 7 sites previously identified as possibilities for a county courthouse site.

The Commission looked at the following sites identified on the windshield evaluation work sheet: Numbers 2, 15, 16, 4, 10, and 24. Site # 22, owned by the Maine Turnpike Authority (“MTA”), was not included by consensus of the Commission because a recent communication from the MTA indicated that it was not likely to be available for sale or transfer.

After viewing the sites identified above, the Commission met conference room in the York County Jail facility from 4 to 5 p.m. It was the consensus of the Commission to request further information regarding sites 2, 15, & 24, as follows:

Site # 2 is Owned by York County and is adjacent to the York County Jail. The Commission had the following questions about this parcel:

1. How far away is the sewer hook-up?
2. Are either or both of the white or gray house parcels on Route 4, adjacent to the county property, available for purchase? What are the tax valuations for those properties?
3. What is the wetland situation? Phil Johnston indicated that soil maps are available and the site is sand, and suitable for building.

Site # 15 is owed by the City of Biddeford and situated on the east side of U.S. Route 1 in Biddeford, at 511-515 Elm Street. The Commission had the following questions about this parcel:

1. Is natural gas available?
2. What is the sales price?
3. Does the City Council have authority to transfer the parcel? Are there other requirements or impediments to transfer, i.e., must it go to referendum, or be competitively bid?

Site # 24 is on the north side of Rte. 111 on the Arundel-Biddeford line, near Andrews Road. The Committee had the following question about this parcel:

1. The asking price is high, is the owner willing to come down in price?
2. What geotechnical data is available? Is it on ledge?
3. Does the MTA have plans regarding a Biddeford bypass spur to make access easier?
4. What other information is available?

Ted Glessner and Phil Johnston will work with the subcommittee to get answers to these questions for the next meeting.

The Commission was given the most recent case filing information for York County. For the next meeting the Commission would also like to have:

- York County arrest data by police department.
- Daily transport records from the jail to the courts, that is, how many people are transported daily from the jail to each courthouse?

The meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.

Next meeting: Monday, October 3, 2016 at 3 p.m. in the library at the York County Courthouse in Alfred.



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October 3, 2016

York County Courthouse Site Selection Committee Members

Dear Members of the Courthouse Site Selection Commission:

We recognize that the biggest task ahead of you is selecting a site for the future County Courthouse—a task that we certainly do not envy.

The County Commissioners have consistently held that locating the courthouse in Alfred makes the most economical sense.

We ask that as you deliberate, you keep in mind the word, “sustainable” and that your decision can have ancillary impacts on the County government, which, in turn, have a direct impact on the local property tax payers.

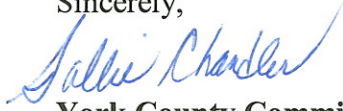
There have been discussions about the potential for cost savings, such as transportation, should the courthouse be co-located next to the County Jail. There has been little to no discussion, however, about the significant, increased confinement and staffing costs that a courthouse located outside of Alfred will unnecessarily create. It is anticipated that the new courthouse will have holding cells. Most assuredly these holding cells will need to be staffed by additional County personnel as well. In addition, we believe it will be the expectation of the Court that additional County personnel will be required to escort inmates to and from their respective courtroom. This will cost the County an additional \$65,000.00 per Corrections Officer on a yearly basis.

This one concern does not even touch upon the added costs to the County associated with the District Attorney’s office if this office is not within the new courthouse.

Individually and collectively, these items present some serious concerns for the County and the municipalities within York County and we ask that you consider these points during your deliberations.

We encourage you to reach out to the County at each step to ascertain the impacts.

Sincerely,



York County Commissioners

Sallie Chandler, Chairperson

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October 11, 2016

Thomas E. Humphrey
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Honorable Humphrey, Chairman and Members of the York County Courthouse Site Selection Commission,

We are writing to the York County Site Selection Commission regarding the site of the York County combined courthouse to serve the needs of the residents of York County.

The Alfred Select Board has been involved in discussions with County Officers over the past few months and have attended some of the Site Commissions meetings.

Based on what we know, the Alfred Board of Selectmen supports the siting of this new courthouse in our community. As the Municipal Officers of the Town, we are quite aware of the many potential positive impacts a 30,000 square foot court house would have here. We have been the County Seat for generations and would remain good hosts for the County of York in the future.

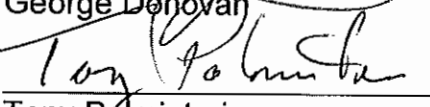
We are ready to assist, if needed, in any way that we are able. We know that utilities are one of the top concerns and we have worked with the County previously in procuring a grant to bring water to the current jail facility.


We highly support that the Town of Alfred be chosen as the site for the new courthouse.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


George Donovan


Tony Palminteri


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Alfred, Board of Selectmen

Cc. York County Commissioners



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November 10, 2016

The Honorable Leigh I. Saufley, Chief Justice
Maine Supreme Judicial Court
205 Newbury Street, Room 139
Portland, ME 04101-4125

Dear Chief Justice Saufley:

On behalf of the York County Courthouse Site Selection Commission, I am pleased to report to you and to the Supreme Judicial Court that, on November 4, 2016, the Commission completed its charge to choose a location for the construction of the new York County Courthouse in a municipality designated by the Commission.

After opportunity for public comment, and thoughtful discussions and analysis by all of the members of the Commission regarding the sites under consideration, the Commission unanimously voted to select a 12.8 acre site located at 511-515 Elm Street (U.S. Route 1), in the municipality of Biddeford as the site for the new courthouse. This site is easily accessible to the I-95, Route 1, and Route 111 transportation corridors, and is a level, large piece of property that will serve the public well for the next century.

Separately, the Commissioners also unanimously voted to recommend "that the Judicial Branch work with the York County Commissioners and the York County District Attorney's Office to provide office space to the York County District Attorney['s] Office in the new judicial center at a cost of free or substantially reduced rent for a period of time." While the Commissioners all recognize that this particular vote is not within the authority delegated to the Commission under Title 4 M.R.S. §1610-I(2), they wanted the Court to be aware of their strong view on this issue.

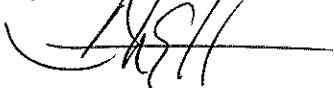
This letter is the Commission's formal notice to you and the Court of its selection of a site for the new York County Courthouse. The Commission will soon follow up with a more detailed report.

Finally, although this communication is on behalf of the York County Courthouse Site Selection Commission, I feel compelled to offer a personal note: I would like you and the Court to know that it has been a sincere honor and privilege for me to work with this dedicated group of individuals, each of whom carried out their responsibilities with great intelligence, efficiency, diligence and respect. Collectively, they represented an important cross-section of diverse stakeholders and, singularly, they each cared deeply about the cause of access to justice in York County, Maine.

Sincerely,

York County Courthouse Site Selection Commission

By Its Chair,



Thomas Humphrey, Associate Justice
Maine Supreme Judicial Court

cc.

Justice Wayne Douglas, Maine Superior Court
Judge Jeffrey Moskowitz, Maine District Court
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